

1914

Mayor's Address and Annual Reports of the Several Departments of the City Government of the City of Augusta for the Municipal Year Ending March 1, 1914.

Augusta (Me.).

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/towndocs>

Repository Citation

Augusta (Me.), "Mayor's Address and Annual Reports of the Several Departments of the City Government of the City of Augusta for the Municipal Year Ending March 1, 1914." (1914). *Maine Town Documents*. 1096.
<https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/towndocs/1096>

This Report is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@UMaine. It has been accepted for inclusion in Maine Town Documents by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UMaine. For more information, please contact um.library.technical.services@maine.edu.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS *and* ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF
THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1914



City of Augusta
1914

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:—

By vote of the people we are called into the service of the City, and a new municipal year is before us. Out of a membership of twenty-four in the city council, thirteen are new men. This means the retirement of many valuable and tried members of this body. Those of you, however, who are here for the first time will begin with a new enthusiasm, and I am sure will take up your duties with intelligence and zeal. As representatives of the people of this City the responsibility for government is laid upon us. Why are we here? Whom are we to serve? With what mind do we begin?

Political campaigns may come and go, yet the business of the City goes on and the daily round of duties remains to be done. From a party point of view this Joint Convention is tied. From the standpoint of civic usefulness, however, there are no parties here. Personally I shall make no distinction in my intercourse with you in this government, for it is with me a fundamental belief that in a city such as ours the non-partisan spirit should prevail as far as possible under our present plan of party elections. I have said this much that we may better understand one another at the beginning and more easily appreciate one another's point of view.

CITY FINANCES.

The financial condition of the City is sound; its credit the best. A small issue of refunding 4% bonds recently sold in the open market for \$103.51. The assessed valuation of Augusta in 1913 was \$8,296,161. On this valuation a tax rate of \$26

per \$1000 was fixed and on this tax levy all the business of the year was done. Large permanent improvements were made, every bill rendered was paid, the bonded debt was reduced \$9,800, and at the close of the fiscal year on February 28th an unexpended balance remained of \$9,542.93. In other words, the City did not spend all that it raised by taxation, and really did its business on a rate of a little in excess of \$24.50 per \$1000. This is an accomplishment to the credit of the outgoing city government and a model for us to copy.

The bonded debt of the City is \$360,500, and from this should be subtracted the sinking fund for the retirement of the country highway bonds, now on deposit in the Augusta Trust Company, amounting to \$14,564, which leaves a net bonded indebtedness of \$345,936. The bonded debt has not been increased since 1909 save for the railroad cut through Rines Hill and the building of the extension of the high school and the new grammar school. The City has no floating debt, and its resources and liabilities are matters of accurate knowledge. The constitutional borrowing capacity has steadily increased for several years, and is now \$68,872.07.

TAX RATE.

The tax rate should be fixed in view of the City's need and the business to be done. A political tax rate is one thing and a business tax rate is another. No administration desires a high tax rate, neither does any citizen, nor can any City quite afford to make the tax rate so low as to cripple the City, stop the doing of permanent work or cause a deficit at the close of the year. It is my belief that the rate could be reduced this year from 26 mills to 25 mills. It could even be reduced to a point lower than that if the City were satisfied to have nothing done and to make no progress. The condition of the finances in the school department will be a large factor to consider. It is my belief that many of our citizens would agree that it is best for all concerned to keep the rate at 26 mills, continue to do

necessary permanent work, pay for it without creating a city debt, and put at least one-half mill on the valuation into a sinking fund towards payment of the bonded debt. This whole matter will in due time I am sure receive your careful consideration.

STREET SPRINKLING.

It is imperative that the City take immediate steps for the abatement of the dust nuisance on our streets. Heretofore the City has sprinkled or oiled only the business section, leaving the large residence portion of the City to shift for itself, a few streets being cared for by residents, others having no attention in this regard. Chapter 83 of the Public Laws of 1913 provides that such streets as the City government shall determine may be sprinkled and the cost of the same equitably assessed upon all abutting property. The Act also provides that street railroads may be assessed for the sprinkling unless tracks are along the side of streets and ways. It would seem advisable, however, for the City to sprinkle the main thorough-fares, and to sprinkle other streets only on petition of residents upon a street and assess all abutters upon a frontage basis. It would also be wise to give a hearing upon petition at which time the various methods of dust prevention could be discussed. The highway department will be prepared at an early date to bring before the City Council the plans in detail for beginning this work. Proper blanks for petitions will be prepared and the City will be ready to undertake this service at the smallest possible cost to abutters.

CITY DUMP.

Augusta is outgrowing many things, and among these things outgrown is the city dump proposition. Rubbish and matter unsightly and unsanitary has too long been dumped anywhere and everywhere. The Board of Health in co-operation with the City Council two or three years ago made an effort to localize this dump nuisance, confining it to two public dump-

ing places. The public dump in Royal Park can no longer be used. Houses are now being built there and we can no longer use this place for such a purpose as it is a menace to health and property. I respectfully recommend the purchase of land for this purpose, at once near enough for convenience yet far enough removed from the residences and travelled streets so that the material there deposited will neither imperil health nor be unsightly. More than this, it would pay the City to investigate the whole question of disposing of this waste matter according the most approved method. Some day the City will wonder why rubbish and filth were ever allowed to accumulate in a dump.

OPENING STREETS.

In a message to the City Council a year ago I referred to the long continued and costly practice of digging up streets. Again I call attention to its importance. A beginning along this line was made during the last year but the practice was not wholly stopped. The digging up of streets, however, without permit and without regulation should cease. Plans are now worked out and blanks are in readiness for enforcing in Augusta the wise provisions of Chapter 34 of the Public Laws of 1911, and individuals, firms and corporations will be asked to conform to this statute. The enforcement of this law will mean better streets for this City nor will a new street be opened and ruined because some person desires in his own way to lay or dig up a water pipe.

SCHOOLS.

Augusta is proud of its schools and is willing to give the best there is to the boys and girls who will be the men and women of to-morrow. The tax rate, however, is largely governed by the cost of schools. The City Council, held responsible for the tax rate, has no control over the school appropriations, for these appropriations are not made by the City Council but in a general school meeting held in May. This school

meeting has power to raise any sum for the support of schools and it also has power to bond the City to build school houses. In view of these facts it is most important that our citizens more generally attend this May meeting and participate in its important deliberations.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Our system of highway work is wasteful and archaic. The ideal system calls for a department for the whole City with a single head. Such a system should have for its head a trained man, a reasonable salary should be paid and a term of at least three years be fixed. In this important particular our City Charter should be amended by the next legislature and the people be given a chance to pass upon it. For the first time the City has undertaken to organize a highway department. By order of the City Council a beginning was made in the early winter and the work is progressing well. An office has been provided for the commissioners with telephone connection and clerical assistance which will more and more become a bureau of information and complaint. Filing cabinets have been installed for maps, plans and note books relating to sewer assessments, bridges, street openings etc., and loose leaf records of all streets and an accounting and cost system, which is the result of a study of the best methods, is in process of preparation. All this will be an invaluable source of information to the public and great assistance to the department.

COUNTRY HIGHWAYS.

Augusta has about 90 miles of country highways on which the work is never all done. I recommend that the City avail itself of every dollar that can be had from the state and that it appropriate such sums as are necessary towards building state aid roads. The state highway fund available in 1914 is as follows:

Unexpended state apportionment 1912,	\$ 479 87
Necessary city appropriation to make the above apportionment available,	639 82
Available from the State,	1498 50
City appropriation 1914,	<u>1998 00</u>
Total amount available for state aid highway work,	\$4616 19

This amount would build about one mile of good gravel road.

Last year about \$63 per mile was spent for maintenance on country highways. This was in addition to the cost of new construction, and this cost of maintenance cannot well be cut if our highways are to be made passable and kept in fairly good condition.

CITY STREETS.

Augusta has about 28 miles of city streets. No city government can afford to do all that is waiting to be done. We must choose wisely how best to spend the limited appropriations available for this work. Personal wishes must be subordinate to the public good. The several wards of the City which you have the honor to represent have no special rights inconsistent with the rights of the general public. The few are always best served as we try to serve all.

WATER STREET.

Water Street is our main commercial thoroughfare. It is finished from Bridge Street to the top of Rines Hill. The stone block paving north of Bridge Street and at the western approach to the bridge should be relaid in cement after the style of the work done south of the Post Office. This work is not expensive, costing less than one dollar per square yard. This method of

relaying stone block paving gives a finished and permanent pavement. The north end of Water Street beyond the railroad bridge should be resurfaced to a point beyond Bond Street and put into first-class condition for the heavy travel by team and automobile.

KENNEBEC BRIDGE.

Kennebec Bridge should be surfaced with wood block paving. The travel is heavy here and this bridge requires replanking every two years. Wood block paving would pay for itself inside of ten years and is well known to have a long life. It is clean, handsome and noiseless. The expense of this work would partially be borne by the L. A. W. St. Ry. Co. The whole matter in detail will be worked out and laid before you after thorough investigation, and you then can determine whether the work should be done and if the City can at this time afford to do it.

SIDEWALKS.

Much necessary work awaits the doing on sidewalks in many parts of the City. I recommend that special attention be given this year to this important department. Few of our people ride either in carriages or in automobiles in comparison with the many who walk on the sidewalks. It might be advisable to set apart a special sum for this purpose out of the general appropriation for highways.

SEWERS.

The sewer system of this City is incomplete, nor can any extensive work of this nature be undertaken on any reasonable tax levy. Attention must be given, however, to crying needs in this department of our community life and a sufficient appropriation made for this purpose.

STREET LIGHTS.

A well lighted city is an asset impossible of expression in the terms of dollars and cents. Much attention has been given to this matter during the past year. The new lights on Water Street and Cony Hill give our business section distinction and are a notice to the public that Augusta is alive and progressive and is looking to the future, that it likes a few good things and is willing to pay the cost. An order was passed by the outgoing City Council providing for lights of this style on Kennebec Bridge, and these should be installed at an early day thus connecting the system between the East and West sides of the river.

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Among the recommendations of a year ago I expressed the belief that reforms could and should be made in this department. As a result of business methods the City has saved in this department alone during the past year about \$2000, and this large saving has been made without reducing the efficiency of the service. I here repeat in substance what I said a year ago to the effect that, while the City should care well for its unfortunate poor, a city is not a charity, and that petitions for pauper aid should be most closely investigated. No other one department of the City has such an outlet for money, and its administration calls for eternal vigilance.

CONCLUSION.

For the second time chosen to the office of Mayor of this City, I have but one ambition in office. I pledge myself to work with you for the upbuilding of Augusta, for its increase in business, for its progress in morals, for its larger development in everything pertaining to our community life. I will work

with you for law enforcement, for the safety of our boys and girls, for improvement of conditions affecting the life, the livelihood and the happiness of the average man, woman and child in this City. I will work with you in the practice of economy, in the wise doing of permanent works, in the beautifying of Augusta and in the progressive work necessary to keep this City, the Capital of Maine, abreast of the times—a City of which every citizen is proud and to which the stranger within our gates will point to as an example and a model.

E. E. Hubbard

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

*To the Honorable Mayor and the City Council
of the City of Augusta :*

We herewith submit our report as Assessors for the year 1913.

VALUATION ASSESSED

Resident real estate	\$ 609,057 00
Non-resident real estate	312,607 00
Resident personal estate	1,829,942 00
Non-resident estate	59,355 00
Number of polls, 3595; Supplementary, 15; Poll tax, \$2.00	
Rate of taxation per \$1,000, \$26.00	

APPROPRIATIONS

State tax	\$43,283 06
County tax	12,974 43
By vote of school meeting	32,870 58
By vote of City Council	190,039 40
Gain in fractions	19 80
Overlay for fractional divisions	1,447 20

Committed all the above taxes to Niles L. Perkins, for collection with our warrants in due form of law, July 14, 1913.

We have made supplementary taxes amounting to \$12,300.

We have abated to James R. Townsend, Ex-Collector, taxes as follows:

Taxes for the year 1908	\$84 32
Taxes for the year 1909	171 73
Taxes for the year 1910	221 19
Taxes for the year 1911, Niles L. Perkins . . .	572 57
Taxes for the year 1912, " " " . . .	686 22
Taxes for the year 1913, " " " . . .	2,485 47

SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY

City Farm and Buildings	\$ 6,000 00
Atlantic Engine House and Lot	600 00
Capitol " " "	400 00
Cushnoc " " "	1,500 00
Pine Tree " " "	150 00
Volunteer " " "	150 00
City Scales and Building	500 00
½ Acres Land, West End Capitol Street . . .	1,500 00
Furniture, City Hall, 2 Rooms	3000 00
Part of City Hall Lot	1,000 00
¼ Acre Land Britt's Gully	100 00
Leonard Farm	4,000 00
School Property	210,000 00

W. W. MORSE,
 EVERETT A. SHAW,
 JOHN E. CHURCH,
Assessors of Augusta.

CITY OF AUGUSTA.

In Board of Aldermen,
 May 18, 1914.

Read and approved. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest:

DOMINIQUE MATHIEU, City Clerk.

In Common Council,
 May 18, 1914

Read and approved in concurrence,

Attest:

J. E. P. DUNN, Clerk.

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER

Augusta, Maine, March 1st, 1914.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report of the receipts and disbursements of the City Treasury, for the year ending February 29th, 1914.

Respectfully submitted,

NILES L. PERKINS,

City Treasurer.

CITY OF AUGUSTA.

In Board of Aldermen,

May 18, 1914.

Read and approved. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest :

DOMINIQUE MATHIEU, City Clerk.

In Common Council,

May 18, 1914.

Read and approved, in concurrence.

Attest :

J. E. P. DUNN, Clerk.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts, 1913-1914

	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	Total
Cemeteries	12 00	257 50	136 00	128 00	56 50	133 00	140 50	56 00	51 50	107 50	271 50	105 50	1,455 50
City Rooms & Buildings	146 50	41 50	30 00			25 00			30 00	255 00	319 80	30 00	877 80
Contingent	173 20	35 75		30 00			30 00		72 33	65 00		135 10	541 38
Dog Licenses	36 00	14 00			199 00			198 00			56 00		503 00
Fire Department											750 00		750 00
Highways, E. Dist.				15 00				6 00	59 00	95 40	1,822 80	1 50	1,999 70
Highways W. Dist.		26 76	6 30		10 00	20 35	59 50		223 50	104 39	140 14	192 37	783 31
Highways, Special										501 69	4,113 73	2,424 13	7,039 55
Interest													
Kennebec Bridge	14 70	9 56	5 92	19 86	3 23	1 61	49 77	29 52	95 15	189 11	69 08	468 57	956 08
Licenses	6 00	2 00			156 00			48 00			150 00		150 00
Lithgow Library				100 00									212 00
Miscellaneous	80 21	253 61		3 00	75 25	3 00	5 00	58 25	4 00	1 00	18,820 74	1,881 17	21,185 23
Non-Resident & Tax Deeds		42 93											42 93
Printing & Advertising											3 00	3 00	6 00
Reduction of Debt												15,000 00	15,000 00
Resident Tax Deeds	58 82	41 00	90 00	81 10	5 96	38 98	192 82	69 51	111 64	27 33		217 00	934 16
Salaries											1,232 45		1 232 45
Schools	7 70	1,057 75	74 88	800 00		17 50			894 64	3,574 67	27,562 70	800 00	34,789 84
Sewers											10 94		10 94
Sewer Assessments			45 00			40 00	15 00	20 00		60 00	60 00	107 99	347 99
State Highways											1,125 00		1,125 00

RECEIPTS—*Concluded*

State Pensions		162.00									2,463.00	30.00	2,955.00
Support of Poor	43.20	98.58	155.56	124.73	701.08	254.31	296.56	228.79	1,696.06	1,026.47	359.01	935.81	5,920.16
Taxes of 1908	4.00	10.00	12.66	17.00	13.37	18.06	3.00	6.97	2.00			4.19	91.55
Taxes of 1909	8.00	9.42	16.44	19.25	32.02	19.40	3.00	6.78	5.00	7.55		2.51	129.37
Taxes of 1910	62.76	49.11	39.09	35.90	63.07	35.79	5.99	1.99	6.00	26.09	2.00		328.09
Taxes of 1911	42.94	126.73	29.55	23.02	11.00	14.84	32.61	12.00	10.01	116.69		89.94	545.07
Taxes of 1912	613.37	582.57	299.24	675.77	376.79	92.77	508.08	277.48	71.36	649.09	94.40	391.66	4,662.58
Taxes of 1913	4.00	28.00	2.00	39.56	4,136.48	73,166.62	66,530.58	14,299.07	11,190.04	27,814.26	5,257.36	2,502.51	204,970.48
Temporary Loans		80,000.00							15,000.00				95,000.00
Trust Funds							100.00	50.00					150.00
Taxes of 1914												2.00	2.00
	1,343.40	83,149.07	942.64	2,112.19	5,839.75	73,881.23	67,972.41	15,368.36	29,522.26	34,621.24	64,762.65	25,281.96	404,797.16

DISBURSEMENTS
City Treasury, 1913-1914

	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	Total
Augusta Gen'l. Hospital							500.00						500.00
Cemeteries	115 50	116 00	190 15	306 57	190 00	187 25	208 50	198 76	195 55	153 32	125 65	94 33	2,081.58
City Rooms & Buildings	289 93	334 38	214 97	265 24	2,282 54	164 80	38 67	178 04	354 50	252 36	334 74	93 53	4,803 70
Contingent	855 68	412 63	412 91	660 35	361 10	722 26	445 81	512 49	952 61	467 47	624 54	181 24	6,609 09
Coupons of City Bonds	1,120.00	1,140 00	100 00	1,480 00	600 00	2,660 00	1,140 00	1,440 00	60 00	450 00	1,214 00	2,900 00	14,304 00
County Tax							6,487.22				6,487 21		12,974 43
Dog Licenses							569 00						569 00
Fire Department	622 08	1,361.45	2,308 37	563 13	1,448 14	304 66	1,653.38	1,293 31	584 81	1,369 67	1,424.73	893 73	13,827.46
Highways, E. Dist.	125 13	434.00	863.80	1,368 30	1,328 44	1,251 63	1,976.96	1,374 48	1,516 97	1,668 90	350 93	429 67	12,689 21
Highways, W. Dist.	358 12	1,078 08	1,355 54	1,217 05	1,083 48	1,107 91	1,830.93	1,910 50	2,522 34	1,869 06	1,272 60	445 27	16,050 88
Highways, Special					576 50	3,431 46	1,622 11	1,063.16	157 98	232 45		4,375 91	11,459 57
Hydrants & Water			500 00							500 00			1,000 00
Interest		1,605 97							347 92			50 00	1,953 89
Kennebec Bridge					150 32					45 00			245 32
Lighting Streets	871 25	871.52	870 98	871.25	875 55	884.58	884 58	884 58	884.58	884 58	968 23	1,104 33	10,856 01
Lithgow Library	500 00		625 00			500 00			725 00		500 00		2,850 00
Memorial Day			275 00										275 00
Park				22 00	313 78	124 60	32 25	49 41	40.00		43 82	40 30	666.16
Police	644.30	316 14	566 80	720 01	435 45	849 95	694.34	406.80	645.81	584 77	639 33	669 40	7,173 11
Printing & Advertising		809.17			53 50	18 36	174.00		27.38	150 00		165.88	1,398.29

DISBURSEMENTS—*Concluded*

Reduction of Debt				7,800 00						300 00		15,000 00	22,800 00
Saint Mark's Home				300 00						919 61		450 27	11,281 27
Salaries	658 42	1,065 95	581 54	686 72	859 98	1,067 96	1,497 38	1,204 18	808 37	8,679 96	4,769 80	6,141 86	86,352 45
Schools	9,367 12	7,487 84	10,004 11	10,716 96	3,422 58	3,992 38	4,450 16	11,384 33	5,935 33	170 76	26 15		2,774 66
Sewers		4 75	28 91	135 50	118 38	897 04	1,005 98	280 45	2 82	370 96	403 95	626 59	2,106 87
Snow Bills, E. Dist.	280 86	266 65	28 64	13 47	1 75	61 92	24 01	25 25	18 60	350 63	829 69	1,489 29	3,843 30
Snow Bills, W. Dist.	887 33	146 75	25 78	18 26	5 63	5 51	28 76	37 07	238 06	61 61	151 85		2,690 26
State Highways	1 25						9 13	893 42	1,334 94	225 00			2,493 00
State Pensions			438 00	306 00	267 00	18 00	318 00	258 00	633 00	43,051 90	33 25	3 00	43,283 06
State Tax		231 16							65 75	19 00			570 75
Stat'y & Blank Books	29 25	45 50	97 10		218 90	34 50	24 50			1,051 16	1,293 68	1,224 38	14,803 29
Support of Poor	1,360 82	1,069 77	1,153 34	1,936 35	889 22	920 67	1,768 96	1,089 61	1,045 33	131 51			1,195 6 3
Sweeping Water St.		125 37	119 37	176 62	134 38	110 00	113 00	101 25	184 13				95,000 00
Temporary Loans		20,000 00						60,000 00			1,296 97	623 90	2,251 22
Brown Tail Moth										330 35	90 00		90 00
Sanford Legacy												2,000 00	2,000 00
Highway Sinking Fund													
	18,087 04	38,923 07	20,760 34	29,563 78	15,616 62	19,315 44	26,928 63	85,154 09	33,547 46	21,822 58	67,548 67	39,154 73	416,422 45

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Augusta, Maine, March 1st, 1914.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Gentlemen:—I herewith present my report as Collector of Taxes, for the municipal year ending February 29th, 1914.

Respectfully submitted,

NILES L. PERKINS,

Collector of Taxes.

TAXES OF 1911

Balance March 1st, 1913		\$3,006 69
Cash Collections,	\$545 07	
Abated	572 57	1,117 64
		<hr/>
Balance March 1st, 1914		\$1,889 05

TAXES OF 1912

Balance March 1st, 1913		\$9,576 83
Cash Collections	\$4,662 58	
Abated	689 22	5,351 80
		<hr/>
Balance March 1st, 1914		\$4,225 80

TAXES OF 1913

Committed July 14th, 1913	\$222,909 98	
Committed Supplementary	123 00	
	<hr/>	\$223,032 98
Cash Collections	\$204,970 48	
Abated	3,130 27	
Tax Deeds	2,203 55	
	<hr/>	210,204 30
		<hr/>
Balance March 1st, 1914		\$ 12,728 68

CITY OF AUGUSTA.

In Board of Aldermen,

May 18, 1914.

Read and approved. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest:

DOMINIQUE MATHIEU, City Clerk.

In Common Council,

May 18, 1914.

Read and approved, in concurrence,

Attest:

J. E. P. DUNN, Clerk.

REPORT OF CITY AUDITOR

**For the Municipal Year Beginning March 1, 1913, and
Ending February 28, 1914.**

VALUATION

Resident Real Estate	\$6,090,957 00	
Resident Personal Estate	312,607 00	
Non-resident Real Estate	1,829,942 00	
Non-resident Personal Estate	59,355 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,292,861 00
Number of polls, 3,595; poll tax, \$2.00.		
Rate of taxation per 1,000, \$26.00.		
City valuation by State Board of Assessors		\$8,649,622 00
State tax for 1913-1914		43,283 06
County tax for 1913-1914		12,974 43

ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR 1913

State Tax	\$ 43,283 06	
County Tax	12,974 43	
Assessed by order of City Council	190,039 40	
School Meeting	32,870 58	
Fractional Overlay	1,467 00	
	<hr/>	\$280,634 47
Supplementary Tax		12,300 00
		<hr/>
		\$292,934 47

TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1913

Raised by taxation and appropriation as follows:

City Expense Account:

Abatements	\$3,500 00
Augusta General Hospital	500 00
Brown-Tail Moth	2,035 91
Cemeteries	300 00
City Rooms and Buildings	4,000 00
Contingent	9,000 00
Fire Department	9,500 00
Fire Department, Special	1,700 00
Highways, Eastern District	6,500 00
Highways, Western District	9,500 00
Highways, Special	8,000 00
Hydrants and Water	1,000 00
Interest, Cemetery Trust Fund	200 00
Interest on Trust Funds	1,940 00
Interest Coupons	14,364 00
Kennebec Bridge	500 00
Lighting Streets	11,000 00
Lithgow Free Library	1,000 00
Memorial Day	275 00
Parks	700 00
Police	7,000 00
Printing and Advertising	1,000 00
Salaries	8,500 00
Sewers	2,000 00
Snow Bills, Eastern District	2,000 00
Snow Bills, Western District	4,500 00
State Highways	1,500 00
Stationery and Blank Books	800 00

Support of Poor	9,000 00	
Sweeping Water Street	700 00	
	<hr/>	\$122,514 91
Supplementary Taxes,		12,300 00
		<hr/>
Total Expense Account		\$134,814 91
Other Appropriations:		
City Bonds	7,800 00	
County Tax	12,974 43	
Highway Sinking Fund	2,000 00	
Schools	32,870 58	
State Tax	43,283 06	
	<hr/>	98,928 07
		<hr/>
		\$233,742 98

CASH RECEIPTS

For the Year ending February 28, 1914

Cemeteries	\$ 1,455 50
City Bonds	15,000 00
City Rooms and Buildings	877 80
Cities and Towns	567 53
Contingent	541 38
Dog Licenses	503 00
Fire Department	750 00
Highways, Eastern District	2,001 20
" Western "	781 81
" Special	7,039 55
Interest	956 08
Kennebec Bridge	130 00
Lithgow Library	100 00
Miscellaneous	21,397 23
Non-resident Tax Deeds	42 93
Printing and Advertising	6 00
Resident Tax Deeds	934 16

Salaries	1,232 45
Schools	34,789 84
Sewers	10 94
Sewer Assessments	347 99
State Highways	1,125 00
State of Maine	2,955 00
Support of Poor	5,352 63
Taxes of 1908	91 55
“ 1909	129 37
“ 1910	328 09
“ 1911	545 07
“ 1912	4,662 58
“ 1913	204,970 48
“ 1914	2 00
Temporary Loans	95,000 00
Trust Funds	150 00
	<hr/>
	\$404,797 16
Balance of cash in treasury	
March 1, 1913	8,972 22
	<hr/>
	\$413,769 38

CASH SUMMARY

Balance of cash in treasury		
March 1, 1913	8,972 22	
Cash receipts	404,797 16	
	<hr/>	\$413,769 38
Cash Payments	416,422 45	
Balance of cash overdrawn		
March 1, 1914	2,653 07	
	<hr/>	\$413,769 38

SUMMARY OF CASH PAYMENTS BY DEPARTMENTS ACCOUNTS

March 1, 1913 to February 28, 1914

Augusta General Hospital	\$ 500 00
Brown-Tail Moth	2,251 22
Cemeteries	2,023 58
City Bonds	22,800 00
City Rooms and Buildings	4,803 70
Contingent	6,667 09
County Tax	12,974 43
Coupons	14,304 00
Dog Licenses	569 00
Fire Department	13,827 46
Highways, Eastern District	12,689 21
" Western "	16,050 88
" Special	11,459 57
" Sinking Fund	2,000 00
Hydrants and Water	1,000 00
Interest	1,953 89
Kennebec Bridge	245 32
Lighting Streets	10,856 01
Lithgow Library	2,850 00
Memorial Day	275 00
Park	666 16
Police	7,173 10
Printing and Advertising	1,398 29
Saint Marks Home	600 00
Salaries	11,281 29
Sanford Legacy	90 00
Schools	86,352 45
Sewers	2,774 66
Snow Bills, Eastern District	2,106 87
" " Western District	3,869 30
State Highways	2,690 26

State Pensions	2,493 00	
State Tax	43,283 06	
Stationery and Blank Books	570 75	
Support of Poor	14,803 29	
Sweeping Water Street	1,169 63	
Temporary Loans	95,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$416,422 45
Balance of cash overdrawn, March 1, 1914		2,653 07
		<hr/>
		\$413,769 38

STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

February 28, 1914

	Dr.	Balance Cr.
City of Augusta Trust Funds		\$45,095 00
Allowed Claims unpaid Warrants		7,028 43
Cash		2,653 07
Cities and towns	\$ 260 29	
City Bonds		360,500 00
Coupons of City Bonds		26 00
Dog Licenses		56 00
Non-resident Tax Deeds	3,699 15	
Resident Tax Deeds	13,232 48	
Schools	1,641 90	
State of Maine	550 64	
Sinking Fund	14,564 02	
Sewer Assessments	8,738 79	
Taxes of 1908	213 22	
“ 1909	409 69	
“ 1910	791 21	
“ 1911	1,889 05	

CITY OF AUGUSTA

“ 1912	4,225 03	
“ 1913	12,728 68	
„ 1914		2 00
Cony High School Trust Fund		3,385 02
Emergency Fund		11,621 12
City Property	4,100 00	
Net City Debt	363,322 49	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$430,366 64	\$430,366 64

EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR TWELVE MONTHS, ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1914

	Appropriations	Credits and Transfers	Total Cr.	Expended Dr.	Balance Overdrawn Dr.	Unexpended Cr.
Abatements.....	\$3,500 00	\$724 50	\$ 4,224 50	\$ 4,224 50		
Cemeteries.....	300 00	2,004 90	2,304 90	2,076 40		228 50
City Rooms and Buildings.....	4,000 00	877 80	4,877 80	4,686 03		191 77
Contingent.....	9,000 00	541 38	9,541 38	6,814 62		2,726 76
Fire Department.....	9,500 00	4,189 57	13,689 57	13,689 57		
Highways, Eastern District	6,500 00	6,197 64	12,697 64	12,697 64		
Highways, Special	8,000 00	8,374 70	16,374 70	16,374 70		
Highways, Western District	9,500 00	6,558 06	66,058 06	16,058 06		
Hydrants and Water	1,000 00		1,000 00	1,000 00		
Interest.....		1,953 89	1,953 89	1,953 89		
Interest on Trust Funds.....	1,940 00		1,940 00	1,940 00		
Interest on Coupons	14,364 00		14,364 00	14,360 00		
Kennebec Bridge.....	500 00	300 00	800 00	800 00		
Lighting Streets	11,000 00		11,000 00	10,856 01		143 99
Lithgow Free Library.....	1,000 00		1,000 00	1,000 00		
Memorial Day.....	275 00		275 00	275 00		
Miscellaneous		21,397 23	21,397 23	16,765 46		4,631 77
Park.....	700 00		700 00	667 66		32 34
Police.....	7,000 00	285 25	7,285 25	7,285 25		
Printing and Advertising.....	1,000 00	441 29	1,441 29	1,441 29		
Salaries.....	8,500 00	2,692 85	11,192 85	11,192 85		
Sewers.....	2,000 00	1,117 48	3,117 48	2,776 16		341 32
Snow Bills, Eastern District	2,000 00	186 74	2,186 74	2,186 74		

REPORT OF CITY AUDITOR

EXPENSE ACCOUNT—(Concluded)

30

	Appropriations	Credits and Transfers	Total Cr.	Balance		
				Expended Dr.	Overdrawn Dr.	Unexpended Cr.
Snow Bills, Western District.....	4,500 00		4,500 00	3,533 52		966 48
Stationery and Blank Books.....	800 00		800 00	538 00		262 00
Support of Poor.....	9,000 00	5,644 82	14,644 82	14,644 82		
Sweeping Water Street.....	700 00	208 90	1,208 90	1,208 90		
State Highways.....	1,500 00	1,326 13	2,826 13	2,826 13		
Fractional Overlay.....	1,467 00		1,467 00	1,467 00		
Brown-tail Moth.....	2,035 91	215 31	2,251 22	2,251 22		
Fire Department (Special).....	1,700 00		1,700 00	1,700 00		
Augusta General Hospital.....	500 00		500 00	500 00		
Cemetery Trust Fund.....	200 00		200 00	200 00		
Balance Unexpended.....				9,524 93	9,524 93	
			\$189,520 35	\$189,520 35	\$9,524 93	\$9,524 93

CITY OF AUGUSTA

CITY EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

ABATEMENTS

	DR.	CR
On taxes by Assessors	\$4,224 50	
Appropriation assessed		\$3,500 00
Transfer		724 50
		<hr/>
		\$4,224 50

AUGUSTA GENERAL HOSPITAL

Allowed claims	\$500 00	
Appropriation assessed		\$500 00

BROWN-TAIL MOTH

Allowed claims	\$2,251 22	
Appropriation assessed		\$2,035 91
Transfer from Miscellaneous		215 31
		<hr/>
		\$2,251 22

CEMETERIES

Allowed claims	\$2,076 40	
Balance unexpended	228 50	
	<hr/>	
	\$2,304 90	
Appropriation assessed		\$300 00
Sundry cash receipts		2,004 90
		<hr/>
		\$2,304 90

CITY ROOMS AND BUILDINGS

Janitor's salary, March 1, 1913 to		
March 1, 1914	\$ 700 00	
Rent city building one year ending		
June 30, 1913	2,200 00	
Miscellaneous bills	1,786 03	
Balance unexpended	191 77	
	<hr/>	
	4,877 80	
Appropriation assessed		\$4,000 00
Cash receipts		877 80
		<hr/>
		\$4,877 80

CONTINGENT

Allowed claims	\$6,814 62	
Balance unexpended	2,726 76	
	<hr/>	
	\$9,541 38	
Appropriation assessed		\$9,000 00
Cash receipts		541 38
		<hr/>
		\$9,541 38

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salary, Chief of Fire Department	\$700 00
" 1st Assistant Fire Department	100 00
" 2nd Assistant Fire Department	100 00
" Driver Hose No. 1	660 00
" " " No. 2	660 00
" " Hook and Ladder No. 1	660 00

Salary, Keeper steamer City of Augusta	37 50	
Pay roll, fire companies	3,336 00	
Miscellaneous bills	7,436 07	
	<hr/>	
	\$13,689 57	
Appropriation assessed		9,500 00
Cash refunded for horses		750 00
Transfer from sundry accounts		3,439 57
		<hr/>
		\$13,689 57

FIRE DEPARTMENT, SPECIAL

Transfer to Fire Department	\$1,700 00	
Appropriation assessed		\$1,700 00

FRACTIONAL OVERLAY

Transfer to highways Eastern District	\$1,467 00	
Appropriation assessed		\$1,467 00

HIGHWAYS EASTERN DISTRICT

Salary, Street Commissioner	\$ 720 00	
Allowed claims	11,974 64	
	<hr/>	
	12,694 64	
Appropriation assessed		\$6,500 00
Cash receipts		2,001 20
Transfers		4,196 44
		<hr/>
		\$12,694 64

HIGHWAYS WESTERN DISTRICT

Salary, Street Commissioner	\$ 900 00	
Allowed claims	15,158 06	
	<hr/>	
	\$16,058 06	
Appropriation assessed		\$9,500 00
Cash receipts		781 81
Transfers		5,776 25
		<hr/>
		\$16,058 06

HIGHWAYS SPECIAL

Allowed claims	\$16,374 70	
Appropriation assessed		\$8,000 00
Cash receipts		7,039 55
Transfer		1,335 15
		<hr/>
		\$16,374 70

HYDRANTS AND WATER

Allowed claims, hydrant rentals for one year	\$1,000 00	
Appropriation assessed		\$1,000 00

INTEREST, TEMPORARY LOANS

Allowed claims, interest on loans	\$1,953 89	
Cash received, taxes and bank account		\$956 08
Transfer		997 81
		<hr/>
		\$1,953 89

INTEREST COUPONS OF CITY BONDS

March 1, 1913, coupon, No. 27, 3½ % bonds of 1899	\$ 700 00
April 1 1913, coupon No. 37, 4 % bonds of 1894	1,300 00
June 1, 1913, coupon No. 8, 4 % bonds of 1909	540 00
June 1, 1913, coupon No. 1, 4 % bonds of 1913	660 00
July 2, 1913, coupon No. 5, 4 % bonds of 1911	600 00
August 1, 1913, coupon No. 11, 4 % bonds of 1908	800 00
August 1, 1913, coupon No. 9, 4 % bonds of 1909	800 00
August 15, 1913, coupon No. 53, 4 % bonds of 1887	1,260 00
August 15, 1913, coupon No. 3, 4 % bonds of 1912	300 00
August 15, 1913, coupon No. 1, 4 % bonds of 1913	300 00
September 1, 1913, coupon No. 28, 3½ % bonds of 1899,	700 00
October 1, 1913, coupon No. 38, 4 % bonds of 1894	1,300 00
December 1, 1913, coupon No. 10, 4 % bonds of 1909	450 00
December 1, 1913, coupon No. 2, 4 % bonds of 1913	594 00
January 2, 1914, coupon No. 6, 4 % bonds of 1911	600 00
February 1, 1914, coupon No. 12, 4 % bonds of 1908	800 00
February 1, 1914, coupon No. 54, 4 %	

bonds of 1887	1,260 00	
February 15, 1914, coupon No. 10,		
4% bonds of 1909	800 00	
February 15, 1914, coupon No. 4, 4%		
bonds of 1912	300 00	
February 15, 1914, coupon No. 2,		
4% bonds of 1913	300 00	
	<hr/>	
	\$14,364 00	
Appropriation assessed		\$14,364 00

INTEREST ON TRUST FUNDS

Lithgow Library	1,250 00	
Saint Mark's Home	600 00	
Sanford Legacy	90 00	
	<hr/>	
	\$1,940 00	
Appropriation assessed		\$1,940 00

KENNEBEC BRIDGE

Miscellaneous bills	\$349 32	
Transfer to sundry accounts	450 68	
	<hr/>	
	\$800 00	
Appropriation assessed		\$500 00
Cash receipts		150 00
Transfer from Miscellaneous		150 00
		<hr/>
		\$800 00

LIGHTING STREETS

Street lights for the year	\$10,856 01	
Balance unexpended	143 99	
	<hr/>	
	\$11,000 00	
Appropriation assessed		\$11,000 00

LITHGOW FREE LIBRARY

Appropriation to make free	\$1,000 00	
Appropriation assessed		\$1,000 00

MEMORIAL DAY

Seth Williams Post No. 13, G. A. R.	\$275 00	
Appropriation assessed		\$275 00

MISCELLANEOUS

Transfer to sundry accounts	\$16,765 46	
Balance unexpended	4,631 77	
	<hr/>	
	\$21,397 23	
Railroad and telegraph tax		\$18,742 14
Cash receipts		2,655 09
		<hr/>
		\$21,397 23

PARK

Allowed claims	\$667 66	
Balance unexpended	32 34	
	<hr/>	
	\$700 00	
Appropriation assessed		\$700 00

POLICE

Salary, City Marshal	\$1,000 00	
Salary, police officers, etc.	6,285 25	
	<hr/>	
	\$7,285 25	
Appropriation assessed		\$7,000 00
Transfer from Miscellaneous		285 25
		<hr/>
		\$7,285 25

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING

Allowed claims	\$1,441 29	
Appropriation assessed		\$1,000 00
Cash receipts		6 00
Transfer from Miscellaneous		435 29
		<hr/>
		\$1,441 29

SALARIES

Salaries, city officers	\$11,192 85	
Appropriation assessed		\$8,500 00
Cash receipts		1,232 45
Transfer from Miscellaneous		1,460 40
		<hr/>
		\$11,192 85

SEWERS

Miscellaneous bills	\$2,776 16	
Balance unexpended	341 32	
	<hr/>	
	\$3,117 48	
Appropriation assessed		\$2,000 00
Sewer assessments		1,106 54
Cash receipts		10 94
		<hr/>
		3,117 48

SNOW BILLS EASTERN DISTRICT

Allowed claims	\$2,186 74	
Appropriation assessed		\$2,000 00
Transfer from Miscellaneous		186 74
		<hr/>
		\$2,186 74

SNOW BILLS WESTERN DISTRICT

Allowed claims	\$3,533 52	
Balance unexpended	966 48	
	<hr/>	
	\$4,500 00	
Appropriation assessed		\$4,500 00

STATE HIGHWAY

Allowed claims	\$2,826 13	
Appropriation assessed		\$1,500 00
Cash receipts		1,125 00
Transfer from Miscellaneous		201 13
		<hr/>
		\$2,826 13

STATIONERY AND BLANK BOOKS

Allowed claims	\$538 00	
Balance unexpended	262 00	
	<hr/>	
	\$800 00	
Appropriation assessed		800 00

SUPPORT OF POOR

Salary, Overseer of Poor	\$800 00	
Salary, City Physician	150 00	
Miscellaneous bills	13,694 82	
	<hr/>	
	\$14,644 82	

Appropriation assessed	\$9,000 00	
Cash receipts	5,352 63	
Transfer from Miscellaneous	292 19	
	<hr/>	
	\$14,644 82	

SWEEPING WATER STREET

Miscellaneous bills	\$1,208 90	
Appropriation assessed		\$700 00
Transfer from Miscellaneous		508 90
		<hr/>
		\$1,208 90

SUPPLEMENTARY TAXES

Transfer to sundry accounts	\$123 00	
Supplementary taxes of 1913		\$123 00

LOSS AND GAIN

Unexpended balance of 1913	\$9,524 93	
Unexpended balance, Cemeteries		\$228 50
" " City Rooms and Buildings		191 77
" " Contingent		2,726 76
" " Lighting Streets		143 99
" " Miscellaneous		4,631 77
" " Park		32 34
" " Sewers		341 32
" " Snow bills Western District		966 48
" " Stationery and Blank Books		262 00
		<hr/>
		\$9,524 93

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Care, cemetery trust funds	\$200 00	
Appropriation assessed		\$200 00

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Ending February 28, 1914

CITY TRUST FUND

Lithgow Library :		
Original bequest	\$20,000 00	
Robinson "	1,000 00	
Williams "	1,000 00	
Cutler "	1,000 00	
Stanford "	1,000 00	
Mrs. P. C. Lithgow	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$25,000 00
Saint Mark's Home :		
Original bequest	\$7,000 00	
Fund of 1890	3,000 00	
Fund of 1899	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	12,000 00
Sanford Legacy :		
Isaac Sanford Fund :		1,500 00
Cemetery Trust Funds for perpetual care :		
R. C. Irish fund	150 00	
Susan R. Crockett fund	100 00	
Heirs of Nathaniel Perkins fund	100 00	
Estate of Lizzie A. Hart	200 00	
George Cony and Angenette Saunders	100 00	
Harriet Stevens	100 00	
Eliza J. Folger	150 00	
Roxanna E. Guild	200 00	
Wm. H. Chisham	100 00	
Charles M. Guild	100 00	
Josiah Potter	100 00	
Peter Bartlett	100 00	

Georgia E. Tibbetts	100 00
Mrs. Eleanor Stewart	50 00
Edwin C. Packard fund, care of lot in Cony cemetery	150 00
Daniel L. Allen	100 00
A. D. Townsend fund, care of lot in Townsend cemetery where Addie Townsend is buried and half lot where he is buried	200 00
Benj. F. Harris	100 00
Franklin H. Chadwick	100 00
Elkhanah Miller fund, lot in Reed ceme- tery	100 00
Julia A. Lynn	150 00
Mrs. G. C. Lilly	100 00
C. H. Griffin fund, care of C. H. Whit- ten lot	100 00
Esther J. Wills	100 00
Mrs. S. B. Cross	120 00
C. H. Parker	100 00
Estate of John Larrabee	100 00
Wm. Keeler	100 00
Rev. John Gibson fund, care of lot in Reed cemetery	100 00
L. L. Hooker fund, care of C. A. Hooker lot	75 00
Estate of D. B. Savage	100 00
Carrie E. Marston	50 00
Estate of Chas. A. Bennett	100 00
E. H. Jenkins fund, care of lot No. 65, W. D. Mt. Pleasant, owned by E. H. Jenkins & A. L. Barker	100 00
David R. Sanford	100 00
Estate of J. E. Tuell	100 00
F. J. C. Little, Ballard lot	1,500 00
Llewellyn W. Neale	100 00

John Barrows lot in Bolton Hill Cemetery	250 00	
Mary E. Littlefield fund, care of Wm. C. Littlefield lot	100 00	
W. Scott Hill	100 00	
Estate of Chas. S. Robinson	100 00	
Michael Hickey	100 00	
Eliza Church	100 00	
Mrs. Fannie H. Wellman	100 00	
Chas. B. Chandler	100 00	
Henry D. Stone	50 00	
	<hr/>	6,595 00
		<hr/>
		\$45,095 00

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Cash, sundry accounts	\$416,422 53	
Balance, March 1, 1914	7,028 43	
	<hr/>	
	\$423,450 96	
Balance from 1913, outstanding warrants		2,299 43
Sundry accounts		421,151 53
		<hr/>
		\$423,450 96

CASH

Balance on hand March 1, 1913	\$ 8,972 22	
Cash receipts for 12 months	404,797 16	
Balance overdrawn March 1, 1914	2,653 07	
	<hr/>	
	\$416,422 45	
Allowed claims paid out for 12 months		\$416,422 45

CITY BONDS

Matured bonds	\$ 22,800 00
Balance	360,500 00
	<hr/>
	383,300 00

Balance 6 per cent bonds of 1876 (past due)	\$ 300 00
“ 4 “ “ “ 1887	63,000 00
“ 4 “ “ “ 1894	65,000 00
“ 3½ “ “ “ 1889	40,000 00
“ 4 “ “ “ 1908	40,000 00
“ 4 “ “ “ 1909	40,000 00
“ 4 “ “ “ 1909	27,000 00
“ 4 “ “ “ 1911	30,000 00
“ 4 “ “ “ 1912	15,000 00
“ 4 “ “ “ 1912	33,000 00
“ 4 “ “ “ 1913	15,000 00
“ 4 “ “ “ 1914	15,000 00
	<hr/>
	\$383,300 00

CITIES AND TOWNS

Balance from 1913	\$827 82
Allowed claims, paid out for 12 months	\$567 53
Balance	260 29
	<hr/>
	\$827 82

COUNTY TAX

County tax for 1913	\$12,974 43
Appropriation assessed	\$12,974 43

COUPONS OF CITY BONDS

Balance from 1913	\$ 34 00	
Coupons paid during the year	14,304 00	
Balance	<u>26 00</u>	
	\$14,364 00	
Coupons matured during the year		\$14,364 00

DOG LICENSES

Paid the State Treasurer	\$569 00	
Balance	<u>56 00</u>	
	\$625 00	
Balance from 1913		\$122 00
Cash City Clerk		<u>503 00</u>
		\$625 00

EMERGENCY FUND

Abated on Eaton Shoe Factory taxes of 1913	\$ 644 80	
Balance	<u>11,621 12</u>	
	\$12,265 92	
Balance March 1, 1913		11,610 27
Balance from loss and gain		<u>655 65</u>
		\$12,265 92

LITHGOW LIBRARY

Paid Treasurer Lithgow Library	\$2,850 00	
Balance from 1913		\$ 500 00
Interest on trust funds		1,250 00
State of Maine		100 00
Appropriation assessed		<u>1,000 00</u>
		\$2,850 00

SAINT MARK'S HOME

Paid Treasurer Saint Mark's Home	\$600 00	
Interest on trust funds		\$600 00

SANFORD LEGACY

Paid Town of Belgrade	\$90 00	
Interest on trust funds		\$90 00

SCHOOLS

Bills paid 1913-14	\$86,352 45	
Balance March 1, 1913		\$16,987 73
Appropriation assessed		32,870 58
State of Maine Mill Tax		13,880 82
Cash Receipts		20,971 42
Balance		1,641 90
		<hr/>
		\$86,352 45

SEWER ASSESSMENT

Balance previous year	\$7,980 24	
Assessments	1,106 54	
	<hr/>	
	\$9,086 78	
Cash received		\$ 347 99
Balance		8,738 79
		<hr/>
		\$9,086 78

STATE PENSIONS

Pensions paid	\$2,493 00	
State of Maine		\$2,493 00

STATE OF MAINE

Balance previous year	\$4,376 32
State Pensions paid by city	2,493 00
Mill tax	13,880 82
	<hr/>
	\$20,750 14

Cash for aid furnished State paupers	\$3,363 68
State Pensions	2,955 00
Mill Tax	13,880 82
Balance	550 64
	<hr/>
	\$20,750 14

STATE TAX

Paid State Treasurer state tax	\$43,283 06	
Appropriation assessed		\$43,283 06

TEMPORARY LOANS

City notes paid	\$95,000 00	
Loans negotiated		\$95,000 00

HIGHWAY SPECIAL SINKING FUND

Augusta Trust Co.,	\$11,000 00	
Appropriation assessed		\$11,000 00

AUGUSTA TRUST Co.

Balance in Augusta Trust Co.,	\$12,080 39
Sinking Fund	2,000 00
Interest, Sinking Fund	483 63
	<hr/>
	\$14,564 02

CONY HIGH SCHOOL TRUST FUND

Eliza Church trust fund for Cony High School for school outside of ordinary expenses	\$3,385 02
--	------------

NON-RESIDENT TAX DEEDS

Balance March 1, 1913	\$3,529 87	
Tax sale	212 21	
	<hr/>	
	\$3,742 08	
Tax deeds redeemed		\$ 42 93
Balance March 1, 1914		3,699 15
		<hr/>
		3,742 08

RESIDENT TAX DEEDS

Balance March 1, 1913	\$12,175 30	
Tax sale	1,991 34	
	<hr/>	
	\$14,166 64	
Tax deeds redeemed		\$ 934 16
Balance		13,232 48
		<hr/>
		\$14,166 64

NON-RESIDENT TAX DEEDS

Real estate sold for non-payment of taxes of 1913 and bid in by
city agent

Blackman, Reuben	\$4 96
Clark, E. B.	4 31
Crawford, Hannah	2 89
Emerson, Louisa	8 94
Eaton, Adelaide Q.	11 60
Gray, Jasper	1 65
Hassam, John M.	5 63

Hogan, J. J.	19 56
Longfellow, A. P.	2 84
Merchant, Heirs A. A.	6 30
Miller, George W.	2 32
Quimby, John M.	3 64
Reynolds, Charles E.	3 64
Robbins, George C.	7 62
Smith, B. H.	1 78
Stevens, W. S. C.	14 26
Sylvester, M. R.	1 65
Toward, estate J. W.	20 21
Ward, D. C.	85 86
Wellman, J. H.	2 06
Wilson, Otis D.	22 20
	<hr/>
	\$233 92

RESIDENT TAX DEEDS

Real Estate Sold for Non-payment of Taxes of 1913
and bid in by City Agent :

Anderson, Mrs. Gertie.....	\$ 12 03
Augusta Granite Co.	59 91
Avery, Edith M.....	10 37
Bean, Benjamin M.	30 44
Bean, George M.....	4 99
Bealieu, Isidore.....	61 94
Blanchard, Clara.....	17 05
Bolduc, Joseph	2 33
Bourgette, Levi.....	199 16
Bourgette, William.....	25 09
Breton, Napoleon.....	25 09
Brown, A. E.....	4 34
Brown, Fred.....	23 76
Brown, Horace S.....	14 39
Brown, W. E.	2 33

Brown, Walter W.	11 90
Burns, John F.	13 03
Caret, Albert.....	6 35
Caret, Augustin	139 57
Carney, James.....	14 39
Chase, Frank E.....	31 77
Cloutier, August.....	23 76
Cormier, Clarice	14 39
Cormier, Est. John.....	27 78
Couture, Joseph	4 99
Day, Mrs. Fred A.....	23 76
Ellis, Heirs Annie B.....	37 15
Ellis, Mrs. Julia M.	22 83
Fowler, John T.....	38 48
Gagne, John.....	14 39
Garant, Philias	22 43
Gilley, Estate Carrie	11 70
Gilley, Solomon.....	4 99
Gonella, Peter.....	25 77
Griffiths, Harry	19 79
Griffiths, Martha E.....	26 42
Harvey, H. H.	172 38
Jordan, Est. Annie.....	23 76
Kittredge, H. F.....	27 78
Knox, Daniel A.....	4 99
Lacombe, Joseph.....	23 76
Lawrence, Fred.....	17 05
LeClair, George H.	34 46
Lezotte, Paul	27 78
Marston, Adelia H.	30 44
Marston, John	6 35
Mathieu, Emma R.	11 70
McLane, Joseph	33 11
Michaud, Ferdinand.....	35 79
Michaud, Octave.....	30 44
Miron, Arthur C.	30 44

Morton, Sarah M.....	27 78
Mullette, Daniel A.	4 34
Mulliken, Hrs. John & Est. D. T. Pike	13 03
Murray, Isabella	22 40
Nadeau, Frank	40 49
Nickless, Wilbur T.	10 37
Penney, Mrs. O. M.....	31 77
Perham E. G.	13 23
Resick, Fred ..	1 91
Robinson, Helen S.	67 95
Roy, John.....	4 34
Savage, Alonzo	31 12
Savage, J. A.....	121 51
Savage, estate James	4 34
Shorey, Ellen.....	3 66
Sibley, estate J. T.....	6 35
Taylor, Ella A.	18 38
Thebault, Philip	23 71
Thomas, Warren M.....	36 70
Tondereau, Louis	19 46
Turcotte, Frank.....	10 37
Walker, C. H.	31 77
Wakefield, Foster L.	7 68
Wall, Edna B. et. al.	44 16
	<hr/>
	\$2,135 91

UNCOLLECTED TAXES, MARCH 1, 1914

Taxes of 1908	\$ 213 22
Taxes of 1909	409 69
Taxes of 1910	791 21
Taxes of 1911	1,889 05
Taxes of 1912	4,225 03
Taxes of 1913	12,728 68
	<hr/>
	\$20,256 88

UNCOLLECTED TAX DEEDS, MARCH 1, 1914

Non-Resident	\$ 3,699 15
Resident	13,232 48
	<hr/>
	\$16,931 63

CITY OF AUGUSTA

Balance, net city debt, March 1, 1913	\$378,527 57
Abatement of taxes 1908-1913 inclusive	4,224 50
Expenditures for the year ending February 28, 1914	159,743 07
	<hr/>
	\$542,495 14
Taxes of 1913 assessed and sundry cash receipts as per the several accounts on appropriations and credits	\$179,172 65
Balance net city debt, March 1, 1914	\$363,322 49
	<hr/>
	\$542,495 14

CITY DEBT

The city bonded debt, March 1, 1914, is as follows, with the date of maturity :

July 1, 1899, 6 per cent bonds (past due)	\$ 300 00
Feb. 15, 1914, 4 " "	16,000 00
15, 1915, 4 " "	16,000 00
15, 1916, 4 " "	16,000 00
June 1, 1914, 4 " "	4,500 00

	1,	1915,	4	"	"	4,500 00
	1,	1916,	4	"	"	4,500 00
	1,	1917,	4	"	"	4,500 00
	1,	1918,	4	"	"	4,500 00
Oct.	1,	1919,	4	"	"	65,000 00
Sept.	1,	1924,	4	"	"	40,000 00
Feb.	1,	1933,	4	"	"	40,000 00
	1,	1934,	4	"	"	40,000 00
Jan.	2,	1936,	4	"	"	30,000 00
Feb.	15,	1937,	4	"	"	15,000 00
June	1,	1914,	4	"	"	3,300 00
	1,	1915,	4	"	"	3,300 00
	1,	1916,	4	"	"	3,300 00
	1,	1917,	4	"	"	3,300 00
	1,	1918,	4	"	"	3,300 00
	1,	1919,	4	"	"	3,300 00
	1,	1920,	4	"	"	3,300 00
	1,	1921,	4	"	"	3,300 00
	1,	1922,	4	"	"	3,300 00
Feb.	15,	1938,	4	"	"	15,000 00
	15,	1939,	4	"	"	15,000 00
						<hr/>
						\$360,500 00

LAND AND ROOMS HIRED BY CITY

Land on Grove St., occupied by Capitol Hose House, leased from the Augusta Real Estate Ass'n. Annual rent \$50.00, and property to be exempt from taxes. Verbal understanding made in 1909, account of refusal by State to allow hose house to be located on land below State House, site now occupied was taken on above terms.

LEASE FROM CITY OF AUGUSTA TO CHAS. H. WHITE

A certain building situated on Commercial Street, between the Maine Central tracks and the Granite National Bank, to be occupied by Charles H. White as an office for the transaction of the coal business, together with the scales. To hold for a term of five years from September 1, 1908, paying for the said rent the sum of \$200.00 per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT M. MOWER,

City Auditor.

CITY OF AUGUSTA.

In Board of Aldermen,

May 18, 1914.

Read and approved. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest:

DOMINIQUE MATHIEU, City Clerk.

In Common Council,

May 18, 1914.

Read and approved, in concurrence,

Attest:

J. E. P. DUNN, Clerk.

REPORT OF STREET ENGINEER

Augusta, Maine, March 1, 1914.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Gentlemen:—The following report, for the year ending February 28, is respectfully submitted:

Lincoln Street Sewer.

This sewer extends from Bedford Street to Pike Street. It was built by day labor under W. D. Trask, Street Commissioner.

Cost Statement:

627 feet of 10in. pipe.....	\$200 20
550 feet of 8in. pipe	114 35
5 bags cement.....	3 00
4 manholes	158 00
2 catch basins (and connections).....	114 00
Labor	732 81
Engineering	26 40
Total,	<hr/> \$1348 76

Grand Street Sewer.

From State Street 200 feet easterly. Built by day labor, under W. D. Trask, Street Commissioner.

Cost Statement:

200 feet of 8in. pipe	\$45 43
1 manhole	34 00
Labor	84 50
Engineering	10 40
Total,	<hr/> \$174 33

Water Street

Beginning at the South end of the bituminous macadam pavement laid in 1912, the old stone block pavement was relaid in cement on a gravel base for a distance of 332 feet. Thence to the top of Rines Hill, a distance of 646 feet, a new stone block pavement on a concrete base, was put down. This paving was done by the Hassam Paving Co., on a cost plus percentage basis. The grade of Rines Hill was reduced from 12% to 5.62%. The street was widened about 10 feet on the east, between the Purinton Block and Gage Street. The tracks of the L. A. & W. St. Ry. were shifted to the east, and realigned. Permanent bridge seats and new waterproof planking were put in on the M. C. R. R. Co's overhead bridge. The sidewalk on the west side of Rines Hill was graded to conform to the grade of the roadway, and a new pipe railing erected on the west side of the walk.

The cost of the entire work was \$8,973.30, divided as follows:

City of Augusta,	\$5,180 89
L. A. & W. St. Ry. Co.	1,523 98
M. C. R. R. Co.	2,268 43

354 square yards of granolithic walk, and 278 lineal feet of stone curbing were laid on Water Street during the year. This work was done by J. M. Fowler. The cost was \$600.50, of which the abutting owners paid \$265.50.

Court Street.

This street between Water Street and the M. C. R. R. platform was paved with concrete, by the Hassam Paving Co.

493 square yards at \$1.65\$813 45

Western Avenue

Western Avenue, between W. H. Gannett's residence and Sewall Street, a distance of one half mile, was graded and surfaced with gravel for a width of 38 feet, between gutters. Gutters 4 feet wide, paved with granite blocks, were constructed on both sides of the street. The track of the L. A. & W. Street Railway was moved to the center of the road. Eight new catch basins were built, and three catch basins were built over. The sidewalk on the south side, between Amherst Street and the driveway to the residence of Mrs. J. Manchester Haynes, was graded, and surfaced with gravel. A new gravel walk was built on the north side of the street in front of the lots of Chas. A. Milliken and M. S. Holway. This work was done by the City forces, under W. D. Trask, Street Commissioner.

The cost of this improvement was \$4,922.84 divided as follows:

City of Augusta	\$2,833 09
L. A. & W. St. Ry. Co.....	1,089 75
State of Maine	1,000 00

Mt. Vernon Avenue

Between the bridge over Bond Brook and the ice house on the west, a distance of 850 feet, this road was surfaced with gravel under the direction of W. D. Trask, Street Commissioner. The cost was \$779, of which the State paid \$500.

Cony and Bangor Streets

From the Kennebec Bridge to Murray Street, the above streets were resurfaced with macadam, at a cost of \$2,705.75, of which the L. A. & W. Street Railway paid \$165. This work was done by the City, under Daniel Hewins, Street Commissioner.

State Road

The work this year consisted in improving about one-half mile of the Bog Road, from the cemetery just north of Coombs Mills, northerly. Culverts were rebuilt, road graded, and surfaced with gravel. This work was done by W. D. Trask, Street Commissioner, under the general supervision of the State Highway Department.

The cost was \$2681.47 of which the State paid \$1,125.

M. C. R. R. Bridge over Water Street

As a result of the hearing before the R. R. Commission, on May 9, the M. C. R. R. Co. has agreed to raise their bridge over the north end of Water Street, so as to give a clear headway of 13 feet, 6 inches. This will allow passage underneath of any car of the L. A. & W. Street Railway.

New Streets

New streets were laid out, and marked by stone posts, as follows:

Gillman Street from S. Belfast Ave. easterly 185 feet.
Higgins Street from Grove St. to Hichborn St.
Lincoln Street from Cushman St. to Pike St.
Morse Street from Cony St. northerly 175 feet.
Valley Street from Child St. to Powhattan St.
Washington Street from Munroe St. northerly 300 feet.
Water Street (widening) from Purinton Block to Gage St.

Old Street Lines

The following street lines were given:

East line of Northern Ave. from Water St. to Munroe St.
West line of Pearl St. from Patterson St. to Murray St.
East line of Mt. Vernon Ave. from Bond St. to the ice house.
North line of Franklin St. from Northern Ave. to Oxford St.
North line of Jefferson St. from Northern Ave. to Oxford St.

City Lots.

The Engine House lot on Bridge Street was surveyed, and the corners marked by stone posts. The lines between the City Poor Farm, and the reservoir lot of the Augusta Water District, were run, and the corners marked by iron pipe.

Houses Numbered

Numbers were given to the buildings on Grand, Columbia, and Coughlin Streets, and on the south part of State Street.

Plans, Profiles and Estimates

The following have been made during the year. Blue prints of the plans and profiles have been filed with the proper officers; the originals are in my office.

Plan, profile, and estimate of Lincoln Street sewer.

Plan, profile, and estimate of Grand Street sewer.

Plan, profile, and estimate of Rines Hill improvement.

Plan, profile, and estimate of lowering North end Water St.

Plan and profile of the M. C. R. R. tracks, Court Street to Water Street.

Plan and profile of part of Winthrop Street.

Plan and profile of part of Bridge Street.

Plan, profile, and estimate of Western Ave. improvement.

Profile of Mt. Vernon Avenue improvement.

Profile of Cony and Bangor Streets.

Plan and profile of State Road.

Plans of Morse, Valley, Lincoln, Washington and Higgins Streets.

Plan of Water Street showing proposed new lighting system.

Plan of Engine House lot on Bridge Street.

Profile and estimate of proposed sewer on Northern Ave.

Profile and estimate of sidewalk on east side of Maple St.

Profile of west end of Green Street.

Cost Statement

The total cost of this Department for the year, as per my bills rendered, has been \$441.80. This includes absolutely everything—pay of myself, and of my assistants, drawing material, blue prints, cab hire, stakes, etc.

Recommendations

I respectfully recommend:

That sewers be built in the vicinity of Pettengills Corner.

That Kennebec River bridge be paved with wood blocks.

That street corners be marked throughout the City.

That an ordinance be passed to the effect that the *originals* of all maps, plans and profiles, and the original field notes, hereafter made, or taken, by the City Engineer, for the City, shall be the property of the City of Augusta.

HENRY F. HILL, *City Engineer*.

CITY OF AUGUSTA.

In Board of Aldermen,

April 20, 1914.

Read and approved. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest:

DOMINIQUE MATHIEU, *City Clerk*.

In Common Council,

April 20, 1914

Read and approved in concurrence,

Attest:

J. E. P. DUNN, *Clerk*.

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council :

In accordance with Chapter 17, Section 6 of the Revised Ordinances I herewith respectfully submit the following report which covers the period between July 1st, 1913, at which time I was appointed to complete the unexpired term of A. H. Ferran, resigned, and February 1, 1914.

The financial standing of the department at that time according to the Auditor's records was as follows:

	Approp.	Revenue	Total Credits	Expended	Bal. July 1st
Highway, Western,	\$9,500.00	\$192.67	\$9692.67	\$5,311.73	\$4,380.94
Highway, Special,	8,000.00				8,000.00
Sweeping Water St.,	700.00			423.48	276.52
Sewers,	2,000.00			202.16	1,797.84
Snow Bills,	4,500.00			1,443.44	3,056.56
State Highway,	1,500.00				1,500.00
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$26,200.00	\$192.67	\$26,392.67	\$7,380.81	\$19,011.86

After a somewhat extended review of other municipal reports I shall offer what I believe to be a more comprehensive division of our appropriations as follows:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Administration covering Commissioner's salary and incidental office expense.

Equipment to which is charged all appliances which may be considered an asset, and also repairs and labor upon same.

Highway Service covering all street and road construction and maintenance, including sidewalk work.

Bridge Service covering all construction and maintenance of bridges of more than ten (10) foot span. Less than ten (10) feet being considered a culvert and coming under Highway Service.

Sanitary Service meaning the collection of all refuse and garbage and the disposal of same.

Street Cleaning and Oiling Service covering as it states, the cleaning and oiling of streets.

Sewer Service covering the construction and maintenance of sewers and catch basins.

Snow Service covering the care of streets, sidewalks and country highways during the winter months.

APPROPRIATIONS

(Unexpended July 1st, as shown by preceding chart)

	Approp.	Revenue	Total Credits	Expended
Administration,				\$ 630.15
Equipment,				1,058.95
Highway Service;				
Western Dist.,	\$4,380.94	\$ 440.81	\$ 4,821.72	7,677.89
Special,	8,000.00	5,618.54	13,618.54	15,898.12
State Highway,	1,500.00	1,125.00	2,625.00	2,867.97
Bridge Service,				15.19
Sanitary Service;				578.39
Street Cleaning and				
Oiling Service,	276.52	240.95	517.47	1,169.49
Sewer Service,	1,797.84	1,162.63	2,960.47	3,466.26
Snow Service,	3,056.56	164.20	3,220.76	2,182.04
TOTAL,	\$19,011.86	\$8,752.13	\$27,763.99	\$35,544.45

ADMINISTRATION

For the past year and in fact for all previous years the charges to this account have been small being practically confined to the Commissioner's salary. However, I believe the

department has grown sufficiently large to warrant the purchase of suitable filing equipment and office appliances for caring for the public records.

RECAPITULATION OF ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

Eight months' salary at \$75.00	\$600 00
Loose leaf outfit	19 40
Stationery, bill heads, etc.	10 75
Total	<hr/> \$630 15

EQUIPMENT

Following is a list of equipment July 1, 1913, as submitted to me by my predecessor :

Stock of Tools : 1 Buffalo Pitts steam roller, 1 stationary boiler and engine, 1 stationary crusher, 1 portable boiler and crusher, 2 snow rollers, 3 snow plows, 1 macadam cleaner, 1 sand heater, 1 two-horse sweeper, 7 sewer cleaner, 25 sewer rods, 1 stone fork, 2 iron tooth rakes, 1 monkey wrench (engine house), 10 lanterns, 19 plug drills, 7 big drills, 2 striking hammers, 6 breaking hammers, 1 catch basin shovel, 2 catch basin scoops, 6 square point shovels, 6 round point spades, 1 grindstone, 2 steel bars, 4 picks, 5 iron snow shovels, 3 wooden snow shovels, 2 tampers, 2 stone rollers, 3 snow scrapers, 2 road machines, 3 tar kettles, 2 iron wheelbarrows, 3 push carts, 1 wood saw, 1 hand saw, 5 ice scrapers, 1 pair rubber boots, 4 screens—gravel and sand, 100 feet rubber hose—boiler room, 50 feet wired hose—steam boiler, 25 feet canvas hose, 2 sewer bars, 4 street brooms, 1 axe, 1 plow, 5 hoes, 1 chain, city W. D. wood marker, 1 steel marker—engine room, fencing for street, 1 flushing nozzle, sprinkler.

The following financial statement will show what equipment has been purchased since July 1st :

Pulleys, hangers, shaft, etc.	\$20 59
36 feet 8 in. belt	36 48
Tool box	8 35
Oil distributor attachment	250 00
25 H. P. motor	225 00
Parts and repairs	97 08
Freight and express on same	7 08
Labor	14 25
Small hand tools	86 75
Storage shed	313 37
	<hr/>
Total	\$1,058 95

In order to obtain a true value of equipment a continuous account should be kept and each year such tools as have become useless charged to "Condemned" account and to charge a fixed rate of depreciation, both of which when deducted from the cost of equipment will show more nearly the true value of same which may be considered an asset of the department.

HIGHWAY SERVICE

The results accomplished under this service have been divided, to suit appropriations, into General, Special and State Aid Highway.

Practically all of the work charged to Western District General has been maintenance work, that is the ordinary repairs upon our streets and country highways, including the resurfacing of some sections with gravel, also fall street cleaning and clearing of culverts preparatory for autumn rains and the melting snows of spring. Under this account also has been charged all sidewalk construction.

The construction upon village streets has consisted of laying 1187.5 square yards of concrete sidewalks, 235 square yards of granolithic walk, gravelling Washington street, Laurel hill, Crosby street, Bennett street, Grove street, and Hillcrest street, the repairing of Water street macadam, filling of Johnson street, shaping of Lincoln and Pike streets and other smaller pieces of construction.

For the coming year I recommend the organization of a patrol gang consisting of four men with a team at its disposal to devote its entire time to maintenance work. It will also be possible for two of this gang to accompany the rubbish team each week. Furthermore during and after each storm it shall be their duty to see that all catch basins are in proper condition to receive the flow of water. The remainder of the crew to be organized into one or more construction gangs.

Regarding work under this service to be done the coming year, there is so much that one can see which needs attention that it is hard to determine the point of beginning and I will leave this matter for committee deliberation.

However, there are two matters which might easily escape our notice to which I will call attention. They are the relaying of the retaining walls at the north end of Water street south of Bond brook and also on the west side of Northern avenue above O. J. Cote's store.

RECAPITULATION OF HIGHWAY GENERAL

Rural districts	\$2,931 22
City proper	4,746 67
	<hr/>
	\$7,677 89

EXPENDITURES IN RURAL DISTRICTS

July 1—February 1

	Snow	Culverts	Highways
1. Mt Vernon Ave. above Ice house			\$ 90 38
2. E. E. Trask	\$ 91 54		467 94
3. O. E. Sanford	98 91		294 72
4. W. B. Smith	13 15	\$103 97	246 12
5. D. B. Jewett	71 47		333 55
6. Frank Hawes	25 07	211 11	60 64
7. E. E. Taylor	110 52		167 90
8. Walt Woodard	54 65		32 01
9. Ed Tillson			*2 13
10. Frank Jennings			
11. E. J. Philbrick	31 63		139 00
12. A. J. Burns	4 25		34 50
13. Percy Morrill			36 62
14. E. J. Philbrick	58 26		74 35
15. Alonzo Chesley			278 14
16. Lowell Van Allen			204 75
17. Edw. Griffin	39 37		112 31
18. F. N. Jeffers	64 42		40 88
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$663 24	\$315 08	\$2,616 14

* This small expenditure is caused by the State road construction in this district.

By a comparison of the above report with preceding reports it will be seen that more money has this year been spent upon our country roads than ever before.

We have in the Western District 37.8 miles of roads and from the above total expenditures, if uniformly distributed, an average of \$77.25 would result.

It must also be remembered that this report only covers the period beginning July 1st. All expenditures before that time being made under the direction of my predecessor.

In adopting a policy in handling our country roads I would make the following suggestions: First, that we divide our country road system into three general classes.

Class A to include all of our main thoroughfares and roads connecting with adjoining towns and over which probably the greater portion of traffic passes. We have, I believe, about 17½ miles of road to be classified thus.

Class B to include secondary or feeder roads to the main highways and which also may be cross roads and accommodate local traffic. We have about 15 miles of this class.

Class C covering the remainder of the system, which is about 5 miles in extent, over which there passes very little traffic and need merely to be kept in passable condition.

According to our State Highway law an average expenditure of \$60.00 per mile is provided for maintenance and I find this amount to be generally adopted for maintenance work.

Therefore considering our Class A of this type of road I would recommend an expenditure of \$60 per mile for maintenance upon this class.

Class B having less travel would naturally require less maintenance and for this class would recommend \$40 per mile.

Class C simply to be repaired when occasion required.

If this method had been in practice this past year the result would have been :

Class A maintenance	\$1,050
Class B maintenance	600
Class C maintenance (estimated)	50
Total	<hr/> \$1,700

Leaving a balance of \$916.14 based upon expenditures as per table, to be devoted to construction work. It can readily be seen that this amount if distributed throughout the Western District would result in practically no construction work, but if confined to certain definite pieces of work, would result in more permanent improvements. I therefore recommend that our appropriations be made up with the idea of allowing \$60 and \$40 per mile respectively for maintenance work and that whatever sum may be appropriated over and above this amount be expended upon construction work pursuant to a policy in this direction. This, in my opinion, is the only manner in which a system of improved and more permanent highways can be attained.

BRIDGE, SANITARY AND OILING SERVICE

The items which are charged to Bridge Service, Sanitary Service and Street Oiling in this report also receive their support from the Highway General fund inasmuch as appropriations have not been made particularly for these purposes.

HIGHWAY, SPECIAL

To the Special Fund has been charged three pieces of construction work ; (1) Western Avenue from Sewall Street westerly to Gannett's residence, (2) Rines Hill and (3) Mt. Vernon Avenue, from Mill street to the north end of Getchell's Ice House.

Western Avenue had been in a bad state of repair for several years but owing to the probable cost of construction had been delayed until the present year. In connection with this work the Lewiston, Augusta & Waterville Railroad removed its track from the North side of the street to the center to satisfy a demand of the public. This has proven to be very beneficial to the street inasmuch as it has widened the travel surface and has made possible a better handling of the surface drainage by

dividing the flow of water to both sides of the street and the construction of several catch basins at more frequent intervals thereby causing less wash and damage to the street. The grade at the center of the street was raised from 1 to 2 feet to give it proper crown. The material used was gravel taken from the City Bank and the upper end of Green Street. The surface coat was crushed in order to have a more uniform size of material for a wearing surface. The gutters on the steeper grades were paved with old paving blocks. The sidewalks were graded where needed and turfed upon the sides.

Rines Hill construction consisted of regrading from the Railroad Bridge to Court Street, thereby reducing the grade from about 12% to a 6% grade. The width of the street was also widened by extending the East line of Water St. straight up the hill to the intersection with Gage Street, and removing the Lewiston, Augusta & Waterville tracks to correspond to this new alignment. The sidewalk which had previously occupied a somewhat exalted position being from 3 to 4 feet above its surroundings was cut down to curb depth above the street grade, and the walk on the bridge was lowered to correspond and give a more continuous grade.

The surfacing was done by contract by the Hassam Paving Company, Worcester, Mass. and consisted of a Hassam or concrete base of 5 inches in thickness upon which was placed a sand cushion from 1 to 2 inches thick and finally paving stone ranging in size from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 inches wide, 8 to 10 inches long and 4 to 5 inches thick. These were laid and grouted with cement grout broomed in. A concrete curb was also laid along the sidewalk 18 inches deep. The tracks of the Lewiston, Augusta & Waterville Railroad were filled with the Hassam paving thereby increasing the width of the travel surface and adding greatly to the appearance of the hill.

The work on Mt. Vernon Avenue was simply a gravel coat from 10 to 12 inches thick over a stretch of road which had been a source of great trouble and practically impassible in the spring of the year.

Recapitulation of Highway Special

Rines Hill—1995 sq. yds.	Debit	Credit	Cost to City
Filling and Grading,	\$ 648 96		
Laying Cement Curb,	179 74		
Hassam Paving Co.,	5,910 98		
Hassam in L.A. & W.R.R.,	702 90		
Sidewalk, Labor and Materials,	106 29		
Replacing old rail,	12 50		
	<hr/>		
	\$7,561 37		

Cr.

L. A. & W. R. R., Hassam paving,	\$702 90	
“ “ “ Grading,	286 48	
Construction on M. C. R. R. Bridge,	768 43	
M. C. R. R. Contribution,	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	
	\$3,257 81	
Net Cost to City,		\$4,303 56

COURT STREET

Hassam Pavement,	\$838 20	
Laying Curb,	3 85	
	<hr/>	
	\$842 05	\$ 842 05

WATER STREET

Relaying Block Paving, Has-	
sam 1439 sq. yards,	\$1,411 93

Cr.

L. A. & W. R. R. Portion,	\$534 60	\$877 33
---------------------------	----------	----------

WESTERN AVENUE

Total Cost, 12,133 $\frac{1}{3}$ sq. yds, \$4,922 84

Cr.

L. A. & W. R. R., Portion,	\$1,089 75
Automobile Fund Distribution,	<u>1,000 00</u>

\$2,089 75

Net cost to City

\$2,833 09

MT. VERNON AVE.

Total cost, \$779 00

Cr.

Automobile Fund, State of Maine,	\$500 00
----------------------------------	----------

Net cost to City,

\$279 00

RINES HILL BRIDGE

Replanking, \$151 70

Cr.

M. C. R. R.,	\$151 70
--------------	----------

MISCELLANEOUS

Small items, \$229 23

Cr.

Sundry persons,	<u>82 99</u>	<u>146 24</u>
-----------------	--------------	---------------

Grand Total,	\$15,898 12	\$6,616 85	\$9,281 27
Appropriation,			<u>8,000 00</u>

Overdraft,

\$1,281 27

STATE AID HIGHWAY

The next division is that of State Aid Highway. The work consists of a little over one-half mile of gravel construction upon the Bog Road, so-called, which was designated as a state aid road and its construction made possible by the laws of the State under the supervision of the State Highway Department. The road has been widened having now an average width of 21 feet travel surface. In connection with this work also there was reconstructed an old stone culvert to which were added concrete end walls. One 12 inch and one 16 inch corrugated iron culvert has also been laid. Two side drains were built, each about 3 feet deep, 1½ feet wide and 300 feet long. In the bottom was placed 6 inch Land Tile and filled with rocks of varying size. These were to take the water from adjoining springs which otherwise would find its way into the road bed.

Recapitulation State-Aid Highway

Grading,	\$362 50
Side Drains,	365 15
Metal Culverts, (in place)	100 95
Machine Work,	17 75
Stone Culvert,	198 29
Surfacing,	1,823 33
	<hr/>
	\$2,867 97

Cr.

Appropriation,	\$1,500 00	
State Aid,	1,125 00	
	<hr/>	
	\$2,625 00	\$2,625 00
		<hr/>
Overdraft,		\$ 242 97

The State Highway fund available for 1914 is as follows:

Unexpended state apportionment 1912,	\$ 479 87
Necessary city appropriation (in order to make the above apportionment available)	639 82
City appropriation 1914,	1,998 00
Available from the State,	<u>1,498 50</u>

Total amount available for state aid highway work, \$4,616 19

The above outline shows the full amount of money available for state aid purposes and I would recommend that the city avail itself of every dollar possible from this source, inasmuch as it relieves the city of a portion of the burden of road construction and maintenance and thereby makes it possible to complete our road system more rapidly.

Inasmuch as the State Highway Department has taken over our former State-Aid Road as a State Highway, a new designation has been made for a State-Aid Highway. This newly designated road begins at Monroe Street and extends northerly over the West River Road to the Sidney line.

BRIDGE SERVICE

There is at present under the control of the Commissioner of the Western District ten (10) bridges of various types of construction. Repairs have been made upon two only — Bond Brook Bridge near Gas House and bridge across Spring Brook near Morrill residence, the floors of which were relaid.

In connection with this service I will say that I believe the City is making a serious mistake in not keeping its steel and iron structures well painted to protect them from corrosion which necessarily means the shortening of the life of the structure.

Recapitulation Bridge Service

Replanking Bond Brook Bridge, (near Gas House)	\$15 19
---	---------

The above item is simply labor as the planks were Hard Pine taken from the Rines Hill bridge.

SANITARY SERVICE

The Sanitary Service at the present time consists only in collecting the garbage and waste from our business section depositing the same in the public dump at Royal Park. However, the dumping ground of the City is very rapidly growing smaller and it is only a matter of a short time before the city will have to adopt other methods of garbage disposal.

Recapitulation Sanitary Service

Labor and team (collecting rubbish)	\$531 25
Sanitary drinking cups	31 14
Care of dumps	16 00
	<hr/>
	\$578 39

STREET CLEANING AND OILING SERVICE

The only appropriation particularly designated which would come under this service is "Sweeping of Water Street," which of course is limited in its scope. Under this service, however, I shall consider what I believe belongs to it.

Our street cleaning operations, to my mind, are rather crude and likewise costly. There are several machines and appliances for this purpose upon the market which are comparatively inexpensive and which will undoubtedly pay for themselves in a short time. It would be a step in the direction of economy to at least give them a thorough trial.

Water street has been swept by hand and at intervals with a street sweeper, but with the increasing amount of paving to be kept clean other means must be adopted.

Our oiling service has been somewhat limited, it being confined practically to Water street. A portion of State street from the Augusta House south has, however, received an appli-

cation of oil which was paid for by the abutting property owners. This service has been partially successful, but can be and will be greatly improved by the use of a sprinkler attachment which spreads the oil under pressure thereby giving a more uniform distribution and forcing it into the pores of the road-bed.

There seems to be an increasing demand for attention by the city to the question of "dust prevention" upon our residential streets. I believe this question will bear due consideration on the part of the Committee and a more satisfactory solution to the problem adopted. There are several different methods and processes of dust prevention at the present time passing through various experimental stages. A study of the publications issued by the Office of Public Roads at Washington, D. C. will give an idea of results obtained by that office.

Recapitulation Street Cleaning and Oiling Service

50 barrels Tasscoil at 12c	\$304 14
Freight on same	37 80
Trucking	9 00
Labor applying	23 38
Freight on return of barrels	9 00
	<hr/>
	\$383 32
Sweeping Water street	786 17
	<hr/>
	\$1,169 49

Cr.

Appropriation—Sweeping		
Water street (July 1st)	\$219 52	
Abutter oil assessments	66 00	
60 empty barrels returned	60 00	
L. A. & W. R. R.—Water		
street	114 95	
	<hr/>	
	\$460 47	460 47
		<hr/>
Overdraft		\$709 02

SEWER SERVICE

There has been constructed this year two sewers, Lincoln street 1,257 feet in length and Grand street 218 feet long.

Recapitulation of Sewer Expenditures
Lincoln Street Sewer

Labor and teams	\$731 55	
687 feet—10'' tile with Y's	200 20	
572 feet—8'' tile with Y's	114 35	
Four 6 feet manholes	120 00	
Four manhole covers	39 00	
Cement, etc.	3 26	
Engineering	26 40	
	<hr/>	
	\$1,234 76	\$1,234 76

Grand Street Sewer

Labor and teams	\$84 50	
218 feet 8'' tile with Y's	45 43	
5 feet manhole	25 00	
Manhole cover	9 00	
Engineering	10 40	
	<hr/>	
	\$174 33	174 35

Catch Basins

2 new—Lincoln street	\$ 70 00	
4 new—Western avenue	158 40	
6 rebuilt—Western avenue	104 46	
4 new—Amherst and Florence streets	140 00	
Mill and North Chestnut streets	63 55	
Excavation for above	172 00	
Repairs	23 23	
	<hr/>	
	\$731 64	731 64
Cleaning catch basins and flushing sewers		1,325 53
		<hr/>
Total expenditures		\$3,466 26

Cr.

Grand street assessments	\$ 87 25	
Lincoln street assessments	568 00	
Mt. Vernon avenue assessments	496 44	
Appropriation (July 1st)	1,783 84	
L. A. & W. R. R., cleaning catch basins	10 94	
	<hr/>	
	\$2,946 47	2,946 47
		<hr/>
Overdraft		\$519 79

A map is being prepared showing the sewer system of the city already constructed, which will enable the committee and department to make a more comprehensive study of the needs of the city in this service.

A number of new catch basins have been built as follows :

Western avenue near residence of Chas. E. Milliken.

“ “ corner Chestnut street—northwest corner.

“ “ corner Pike street—northwest corner.

Amherst street.

Lincoln street, corner Cushman street—northwest corner.

“ “ corner Johnson street—northwest corner.

Florence street, corner Western avenue—northeast corner.

North Chestnut, near residence of Harold Hichborn.

Mill street, corner of Northern avenue.

Rebuilt : 6 on south side of Western avenue, 1 Bridge street below State street, 1 Rines hill near passenger station.

Several were rebuilt on the south side of Western avenue because they extended too far into the traveled way with the new alignment of the street.

There are a great many more needed in various parts of the district, which will more than save their cost in times of heavy rainfall by preventing washouts and damage to the

streets. Some of such locations that I have noticed in particular are as follows :

Capitol street, corner of Federal street, southeast corner.

Capitol street, corner of Grove street, northwest corner.

Winthrop street, corner of High street, northwest corner.

Winthrop street, opposite high street.

Court street, corner of Sewall street, northwest corner.

Cushman street, corner of Western avenue, northeast corner.

State street, corner of Bridge street, northwest corner.

Mill street, corner of Mt. Vernon avenue, northeast corner.

South Chestnut street, corner of Green street, southwest corner.

Wyman street, corner of South Chestnut street, southwest corner.

It is my belief, based upon the following figures, that the city has been rather backward in its sewer construction and has not kept pace with other improvements in this important service. It might be interesting to note that during the past ten years there have been built 5.324 miles of sewer, making a total at the beginning of the present year of 18.084 miles of sewers. During that same period there has been accepted 1 mile of city streets, making a total of 29.01 miles. At this same rate of progress, that is building approximately one-half mile of sewer each year, it will require 25 years to complete our sewer system, and even this cannot be done upon the appropriation of the last few years and still maintain our present system.

SNOW SERVICE

This service is probably the source of more trouble and is harder to cope with than any other. All money spent in this service is necessarily of a temporary character and our only

chance of improving it is in the appliances and mechanical devices which we use, and, as traffic requires, a more extended patrol system.

A snow plow or rather scraper which have been quite commonly adopted in other sections of the country, is a sort of two wheel grader which is apparently giving highly pleasing results, I would recommend the purchase of at least one and give it a thorough trial.

Upon our country roads a large wooden roller seems to give the best results for a snow road and as at present we have but two for use, I would recommend that two more be constructed for another season.

Everyone is pretty familiar with the requirements of this service and I will not attempt to subdivide it.

Recapitulation of Snow Service

Rural districts	\$ 663 24
Village districts	1,518 80
	<hr/>
	\$2,182 04
Unexpended balance	1,038 72
	<hr/>
	\$3,220 76

Cr.

Appropriation (July 1st.)	\$3,056 56
L. A. & W. R. R.	164 20
	<hr/>
	\$3,220 76

CONCLUSION

I am aware that this report is somewhat more extended than the usual custom demands, but there are a few things I wish to call to the attention of those who are sufficiently interested to read this report.

First, I believe an accounting system should be established.

A system of keeping records of work done, costs, plans, estimates and much other information which is essential to the establishment of this department upon a business basis. And to that end I am now preparing forms and methods for gaining such information because I believe it to be a business policy, pure and simple.

Consider for a moment a corporation doing business whose expenditures amount to from \$200,000 to \$225,000 yearly. How long would a successful business man allow a department of that corporation to continue to expend from \$50,000 to \$60,000 yearly without first investigating conditions governing such expenditures and gathering all data possible to aid in the most economical and advantageous manner of distribution of such funds. And then would he not provide a method of distributing the costs of various phases of the work that he might strengthen any weaknesses that might appear.

This leads me to my next recommendation that plans and profiles of all our country roads be made, because it is about these that we know the least, which will enable us to correct the most serious defects in grades and drainage facilities and thereby gradually overcome defects which are now treated by the hit-a-miss method. We can then frame and adopt a policy as regards our road system and work towards an end in view.

This cannot all be done in a short period of time and miracles wrought, inasmuch as meanwhile we have got to continue our maintenance and construction operations under the old system until we can accumulate sufficient information upon which to base our future policy.

No one is to blame for our present methods because it seems to have been a universal condition of affairs and no one has thought until recently to apply business principles to our departments of government.

To those who may be interested I recommend these suggestions for serious consideration, and should you desire to make your appropriations accordingly I would recommend the following subdivisions :

Highway and Sewer Department

- A—Highway Service
 - 1—Administration
 - 2—Equipment
 - 3—Engineering
 - 4—Construction
 - 5—Maintenance
 - 6—State aid
 - 7—Street cleaning and oiling
 - 8—Bridge service
 - 9—Sanitary service
 - 10—Snow
- B—Sewer service
 - 1—Construction
 - 2—Maintenance
- C—Park and Forestry Service
(Covering brown tail moth work)

I believe that the appropriations made by the city government should be confined to possibly two and not more than three general appropriations as outlined above by A, B, C, leaving its redistribution into the respective subdivisions to the Highway and Sewer Committee, who are in a position to study, in conjunction with the commissioners, the particular needs of each class of service and thereby obtain a more equitable distribution of funds.

These divisions may or may not appeal to you as logical, but after a study of the methods of numerous highway departments I consider it the most nearly in harmony with the best yet devised, and they will at least give us a working basis for an accounting system.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN D. TRASK,

Street Commissioner of Western District.

CITY OF AUGUSTA.

In Board of Aldermen,

April 20, 1914.

Read and approved. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest:

DOMINIQUE MATHIEU, City Clerk.

In Common Council,

April 20, 1914.

Read and approved, in concurrence,

Attest:

J. E. P. DUNN, Clerk.

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

EASTERN DISTRICT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to herewith submit my report as Street Commissioner of the Eastern District for the year ending March 31, 1914.

Appropriation	\$6,500 00
Credits of cash from sundry accounts	2,580 95
Total	<hr/> \$9,080 95

SIDEWALKS

Concrete :

Arsenal street, 184 square yards at 65c	\$119 60
Cedar " 40 " " "	26 00
Pearl " 140 " " "	91 00
Willow " 100 " " "	65 00
Middle " 260 " " "	169 00
Repairs to concrete walks	80 25
Private	18 25

GRADING

Stone Dust :

Morse street, 135 feet long 4 feet wide	\$12 50
Pearl street, 90 feet long 6 feet wide	10 38
School street, 285 feet long and 4 feet wide	20 64
Gilman street, 300 feet long and 4 feet wide	19 80

DRIVEWAYS AND CULVERTS

North Belfast road (three)	\$13 90
Quimby street (one)	3 50
Murray street (one)	3 25
School street (one)	3 00
Patterson street (three)	11 90
Pearl street (one)	2 75
Cony street (two)	8 50
Arsenal street (one)	3 00
Cedar street (one)	3 50
Section 9 (one)	4 90
Kennedy road (two)	5 90
Relaying culvert, Williams street	20 60
Relaying culvert, North Belfast road	28 75

KENNEBEC BRIDGE

General repairs, cleaning	\$138 00
---------------------------	----------

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES

Sec. 1.	Village District	\$7,327 39
" 2.	Lewis Chesley	13 25
" 3.	Harold Weeks	41 25
" 4.	Bert Foster	128 05
" 5.	Amos Cunningham	103 39
" 6.	Everett Cunningham	94 64
" 7.	D. S. Young	255 21
" 8.	Charles Fletcher	160 11
" 9.	Daniel Anderson	297 47
" 10.	Joseph Lamson	183 21
" 11.	Merton Knowles	74 14
" 12.	Edward Mosher	93 13
" 13.	Walter Pierce	103 92

"	14.	W. E. Barrows	477 39
"	15.	William Witham	197 03
"	16.	Willard Smart	80 24
"	17.	Winfield Dana	105 89
"	18.	Clarence Haskell	20 13
"	19.	L. H. Leavitt	302 03
"	20.	L. A. Howe	231 39
"	21.	Charles Marston	103 65
"	23.	William Anderson	41 75
"	24.	A. B. Mason	26 50

SNOW BILLS, EASTERN DISTRICT

Sec.	1.	Village District	\$760 59
"	2.	Lewis Chesley	134 79
"	3.	Harold Weeks	97 54
"	4.	Bert Foster	97 26
"	5.	Amos Cunningham	83 56
"	6.	Everett Cunningham	67 70
"	7.	D. S. Young	148 67
"	8.	Charles Fletcher	74 40
"	9.	Daniel Anderson	119 04
"	10.	Joseph Lamson	88 74
"	11.	Merton Knowles	71 19
"	12.	Edward Mosher	32 92
"	13.	Walter Pierce	174 07
"	14.	W. E. Barrows	113 54
"	15.	William Witham	43 75
"	16.	William Stuart	55 00
"	17.	Winfield Dana	123 81
"	18.	Clarence Haskell (united with Sec. 13)	
"	19.	L. H. Leavitt	227 97
"	20.	L. A. Howe	39 91
"	21.	Charles Marston	5 25
"	23.	William Anderson	34 90
"	24.	A. B. Mason	

BANGOR STREET

Re-surfacing	\$1,639 94
--------------	------------

CONY STREET HILL

Re-surfacing	\$1,065 81
--------------	------------

INVENTORY OF TOOLS

2 wheelbarrows	500 feet inch pipe
6 bars	2 wrenches
10 pick axes	2 lanterns
1 gasoline tunnel	2 belts crusher
4 concrete shovels	1 paving hammer
3 blast spoons	1 paving tamp
3 fork hoes	1 6-tine fork
14 blasting drills	2 boxes of bolts and repairs
2 12-foot corrugated culverts	1 set whiffle trees and chains
6 dozen shims and wedges	2 sod cutters
7 bursting hammers	3 catch basin spoons
2 hooks for leveling crushed rock	12 plug drills
1 tool stamp	1 sand heater
3 lengths fire hose	1 tar kettle and pipe for same
1 axe	1 concrete roller
4 steel snow shovels	1 sand sieve
3 snow shovels	1 tool box
1 vice	2 ice scrapers
1 anvil	5 sidewalk snow plows
1 pinch bar	1 road machine
1 plow	1 Climax crusher
	1 snow roller

1 digger	6 hoes
1 tar dipper	8 spades
3 steel scrapers	1 25 H. P. motor
8 hand rakes	

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL A. HEWINS,
Street Commissioner, Eastern District.

CITY OF AUGUSTA.

In Board of Aldermen,

May 18, 1914.

Read and approved. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest :

DOMINIQUE MATHIEU, City Clerk.

In Common Council,

May 18, 1914.

Read and approved, in concurrence.

Attest :

J. E. P. DUNN, Clerk.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Augusta :

I hereby submit my report as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of Augusta, for the year ending February 28, 1914 :

During the year just closed there has been 128 fires, 23 box alarms.

The value of buildings (where fires occurred and there was a loss) was	\$146,900 00
Insurance on same	122,500 00
Loss paid by insurance companies on same	5,924 52
The value of contents of buildings (where there was a loss from fire was	\$116,094 45
Insurance on same	95,400 00
Loss paid by insurance companies on same	7,400 87
Total valuation of buildings and contents	262,994 45
Total loss on buildings and contents	13,325 39
Loss out of district	5,000 00

The average per capita loss by fire in the United States today is about \$4.00.

The average per capita loss in our city during the year was about \$1.00.

1913.

March 2—Telephone 10.15 A. M. House owned and occupied by F. M. Hayes, 105 Grove street. Cause, exploding gas stove.

March 2—Telephone 10.30 A. M. House owned and occupied by F. M. Hayes, 105 Grove street. Cause, gas explosion.

March 2—Box 63, 11.25 A. M. House owned and occupied by F. M. Hayes, 105 Grove street. Cause, gas explosion in partition.

Value of building	\$3,000 00
Insurance on building	2,700 00
Damage to building	252 20
Value of contents	800 00
Insurance on contents	500 00
Damage to contents	123 00

March 2—Telephone 10.50 A. M. House 48 South Chestnut street. No damage.

March 5—Dwelling occupied by M. E. Church.

Value of building	\$2,500 00
Insurance	2,000 00
Loss	50 00

Cause, spark from fireplace.

March 6—Telephone 1.50 P. M. House owned and occupied by H. R. Caldwell. No damage.

March 11—Telephone 7.25 P. M. Cony House. No damage. Cause, crossed wires.

March 18—Telephone 6.30 P. M. House owned and occupied by Harvey Black, 119 Sewall street. No damage.

March 18—Telephone 11.45 P. M. House 20 Elm street, occupied by Frank Sterling. No damage.

March 20—Box 51, 4.45 A. M. 31 State street, owned by Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland Corporation Sole. Occupied by C. E. Marson as carriage factory.

Value of building	\$1,500 00
Insurance on building	810 00
Damage to building	14 29
Value of contents	100 00

Insurance on contents	50 00
Loss on contents	5 00
Cause, coal from forge.	

March 21—Box 26, 11.06 P. M. Building 324 Water street, occupied by John A. Kehoe, bakery.

Value of building	\$3,000 00
Insurance on building	2,500 00
Damage on building	37 50
Estimated value of contents	1,300 00
Insurance on contents	1,000 00
Damage to contents	115 75
Cause, spark from oven ignited wood work.	

March 26—Telephone 9.45 A. M. House 14 West Crescent street, occupied by J. A. Norton. No damage.

March 29—Telephone 5.30 P. M. House 31 Child street, occupied by Geo. W. Safford. No damage.

April 3—Dwelling owned by Mrs. R. P. Dyer.

Value of building	\$2,500 00
Insurance	2,200 00
Damage	90 00
Cause, unknown.	

April 3—House occupied by Mrs. Rose Giddings, 25 Gannett street.

Estimated value of contents	\$1,400 00
Estimated damage to contents	55 05
Insurance on contents	1,000 00
Cause, unknown.	

April 9—Store, 294 Water street, occupied by Augusta Fruit Company.

Estimated value of contents	\$3,300 00
Estimated damage to contents	15 05
Insurance on contents	3,000 00
Cause, snap match.	

April 14—Box 35, 3.20 A. M. 271 Water street, Bradbury, Titcomb, Parrott block. Store occupied by Central Maine Power Co.

Estimated value of building	\$15,000 00
-----------------------------	-------------

Insurance on building	12,000 00
-----------------------	-----------

Damage to building	732 00
--------------------	--------

Estimated value of contents	6,194 45
-----------------------------	----------

Insurance on contents	4,500 00
-----------------------	----------

Damage to contents	2,715 61
--------------------	----------

Cause, unknown. Started in rubbish in basement.

Damage to N. T. Folsom & Son (adjoining store.)

Value of contents	\$7,500 00
-------------------	------------

Insurance on contents	6,500 00
-----------------------	----------

Damage to contents	36 69
--------------------	-------

April 21—Telephone 4.30 P. M. Grass and wood fire in Pike's field, lower Sewall street. About three acres burned over.

April 22—Telephone, 12.30 P. M. Kennebec bridge.

April 25—Telephone, 11.30 A. M. House occupied by J. E. Kingsley, 12 South Chestnut. No damage.

April 28—Dwelling owned by Chas. E. Brenn.

Value of building	\$1,800 00
-------------------	------------

Insurance	1,100 00
-----------	----------

Damage	8 00
--------	------

Cause, overheated stove.

May 2—Telephone, 7. 30 A. M. Capital Park. No damage.

May 3—Telephone, 1.30 P. M. Store, 283 Water street, occupied by Bean & Cross. No damage.

May 5—Telephone 11.30 A. M. House occupied by Joseph Bolduc, 127 Northern avenue. No damage.

May 12—House owned by Ami Cassavant, 7 Waldo street.

Value of building	\$3,000 00
-------------------	------------

Insurance	2,450 00
-----------	----------

Damage	24 00
--------	-------

Cause, caught around thimble hole in chimney.

- May 12—House owned by Roy L. Wardwell, 81 Bangor street.
- | | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Value of contents | \$1,400 00 |
| Insurance | 1,100 00 |
| Damage to contents | 4 50 |
- Cause, fire built in fireplace with opening in chimney closed.
- May 13—Telephone, 8.45 A. M. 131 Water street. Fire in rubbish back of store occupied by Marion Caret.
- | | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Value of contents | \$4,000 00 |
| Damage to contents | 57 42 |
| Insurance on contents | 3,000 00 |
- May 15—Telephone, 4 P. M. Grass fire near reservoir. Several acres burned over.
- May 15—Telephone, 7 P. M. House 31 Capitol street, occupied by Mrs. Geo. Hardin. No damage.
- May 17—Telephone, 6.45 A. M. 31 State street, occupied by E. E. Marson. No damage.
- June 9—Telephone, 2.10 P. M. Grass fire on Gannett street.
- June 11—Telephone, 3.30 P. M. House, 53 Bridge street, occupied by W. W. Taylor. No damage.
- June 12—House owned by J. E. Fuller and occupied by Thos. Ingraham, 11 Lincoln street.
- | | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Value of building | \$1,800 00 |
| Insurance | 1,200 00 |
| Loss | 35 03 |
- Cause, spark from chimney.
- June 11—Dwelling owned and occupied by Mary Bates.
- | | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Value of building | \$1,200 00 |
| Insurance on building | 1,000 00 |
| Damage | 8 00 |
| Value of contents | 700 00 |
| Insurance on contents | 500 00 |
| Damage on contents | 3 98 |
- Cause, stove.

June 13—Telephone, 10.30 A. M., from Boyd & Harvey's mill to hold steamer in readiness for a call. Not called.

June 13—Telephone, 1 P. M., from Hallowell to be in readiness for a call to Granite Hill. Not called.

June 13—Telephone, 1.15 P. M., from Cushnoc Paper Co., for fire in log pile. Steamer and hose team sent.

June 21—House owned by Maurice Leighton, Burns road.
(Out of district.)

Estimated value of buildings	\$3,000 00
Insurance on buildings	1,200 00
Damage	3,000 ^s 00
Value on contents	1,500 00
Insurance on contents	None
Loss	1,500 00
Cause, unknown.	

June 28—Dwelling owned by E. L. Gilbert, 171 State street.

Value of building	\$5,000 00
Insurance on building	4,500 00
Damage	30 95
Value of contents	800 00
Insurance on contents	500 00
Damage	11 05
Cause, from pipe.	

July 2—Box 26, 9.30. P. M. House, 5 York street, owned by Archie Levesque, occupied by Eugene Deive. Fire caught in bedding from pipe.

Value of building	\$2,000 00
Insurance	1,800 00
Damage	12 00

July 3—Telephone, 9.30 A. M. Fire on Kennebee bridge.

July 4—Box 51, 4.48 P. M. Received call from Waterville, Maine, for assistance. The steamer, spare hose wagon with hose were at once loaded on car but the M. C. R. R. was unable to furnish us with a locomotive. At 6.45 P. M. we were notified that we were not needed.

July 4—11.45 P. M. Fire in roof of shed in rear of Edwards block. No damage.

July 8—Telephone, 8.45 P. M. House owned and occupied by Philibert Poulin, 11 Morton Place. No damage.

July 9—House occupied by Harold E. Partridge, Court street place.

Value of buildings	\$1,800 00
Insurance on buildings	1,300 00
Loss	8 00
Value of contents	800 00
Insurance on contents	500 00
Loss	11 50

Cause, drapery blew against lamp.

July 10—House, 84 Bangor street, occupied by Elizabeth Buber.

Value of contents	\$700 00
Insurance on contents	500 00
Loss	6 00

Cause, lamp ignited paper on shelf.

July 16—Telephone, 9.50 A. M. Bridge street block, 67, occupied by Ora B. Redmond. No damage.

July 17—Telephone, 6.10 P. M. House, 50 State street, occupied by Mrs. J. M. Leary, owned by Howard Owen.

Value of building	\$2,500 00
Insurance on building	2,000 00
Damage	25 00
Value of contents	800 00
Insurance on contents	600 00
Damage	10 00

Cause, from stove.

- July 18—Telephone, 11.10 A. M. Fire on Kennebec bridge.
- July 18—Telephone, 11.30 P. M. House, 11 Flagg street, occupied by Mrs. Noble. No damage.
- July 19—Box 57, 3.40 P. M. House, 57 Powhattan street, owned by William Williams, occupied by Mrs. G. C. Payson. Cause, struck by lightning.
- July 27—Telephone, 8.30, P. M. House, 69½ Bridge street. No damage.
- August 3—Box 22, 1.25 P. M. House in Royal Park, owned by Fred Dubey, occupied by Jules Roy.
- | | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Value of buildings | \$3,000 00 |
| Insurance on buildings | 2,500 00 |
| Loss on buildings | 1,500 00 |
| Value of contents | 900 00 |
| Insurance on contents | 500 00 |
| Loss on contents | 276 19 |
- Cause, unknown.
- August 10—Telephone, 8.30 A. M. House, 67 Bridge street. No damage.
- August 13—Telephone, 2.40 P. M. Grass fire at Capitol Park.
- August 15—Telephone, 2.05 P. M. Fire on Kennebec Bridge.
- August 15—Telephone, 3 P. M. Grass fire at Capitol Park.
- August 19—Box 25, 4.55 A. M. Fire in stable owned by Oliver Quinion. Cause unknown.
- | | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Value of buildings | \$3,000 00 |
| Insurance on buildings | 2,500 00 |
| Loss on buildings | 215 00 |
| Value of contents | 100 00 |
| Insurance | None |
| Loss on contents | 50 00 |
- August 19—Box 25, 5.26 A. M. Fire in shed owned by Joseph A. Shaw.
- August 19—Box 35, 10.30 P. M. Store, 285 Water street occupied by Webber & Hewett. No damage. Fire in barrel of waste.

August 21—Telephone, 12.25 P. M. Grass fire, Crosby street place.

August 30—Dwelling occupied and owned by Florence E. Howden.

Value of buildings	\$1,400 00
Insurance	1,000 00
Loss	5 00
Cause, struck by lightning.	

August 30—House owned by Geo. A. Bryant and occupied by Elmer McDavid.

Value of building	\$1,000 00
Insurance	700 00
Loss	60 00
Value of contents	500 00
Insurance	None
Loss	25 00
Cause, struck by lightning.	

August 30—Dwelling owned and occupied by W. P. Taber, Hospital street.

Value of building	\$2,000 00
Insurance on building	1,500 00
Damage	57 00
Value of contents	700 00
Insurance on contents	500 00
Damage	25 00
Caused by oil stove.	

September 1—House owned by Methodist Episcopal Church and occupied by Rev. H. E. Dunnack, 13 Green street.

Value of buildings	\$3,500 00
Insurance	2,450 00
Damage	11 36
Cause, spark from fireplace.	

September 1—Dwelling owned by M. J. Lishness, Bangor street.

Value of building	\$4,500 00
Insurance	4,000 00
Damage	11 00
Cause, stove	

September 3—Telephone, 11.50 A. M. House 40 Oak street, occupied by C. A. Plummer. No damage.

September 6—House owned by Mrs. Mabel Canfield, Cony street.

Value of contents	\$1,000 00
Insurance	800 00
Loss	8 20
Cause, unknown.	

September 8—Telephone, 11.15 A. M. House, 67 Bridge street. No damage.

September 8—Telephone, 11.30 A. M. 171 Water street, harness shop, G. P. Herrick. No damage.

September 14—Box 24, 8.06 P. M. House, 5 Kendall street, owned by Edmond Dyone and occupied by three families. Fire caught from gasoline stove in kitchen.

Value of building	\$4,000 00
Insurance on building	3,000 00
Loss on building	63 75
Value of contents	800 00
Insurance on contents	None
Loss	25 00

October 1—Telephone, 10 A. M. House, 20 Elm street, occupied by Frank Sterling. No damage.

October 13—Telephone, 4 P. M. House, 25 North street, owned by D. L. Diplock.

Value of building	\$500 00
Insurance on building	350 00
Damage	12 50

October 20—Box 34, 2.04 A. M. Fire in Willow House, 29 Willow street, owned by Titcomb estate, occupied by Mr. Maner.

Value of building	\$2,500 00
Insurance on building	2,000 00
Loss on building	1,070 00
Value of contents	1,100 00
Insurance on contents	1,100 00
Loss on contents	939 71

Cause, unknown.

October 20—Box 34, 5 A. M. 29 Willow street. Small fire in ruins of Willow House.

October 20—Box 32, 11.20 A. M. Fire in smoke house in rear of Casivant & Cloutier store.

Value of building	\$100 00
Insurance on building	Not known
Loss on building	50 00
Value of contents	35 00
Insurance	None
Damage	25 00

October 22—Telephone, 8.40 A. M. Augusta House. No damage.

October 27—Box 57, 9.30 A. M. House, 169 State st., owned and occupied by Mrs. Anna J. Philbrook.

Value of building	\$3,500 00
Insurance on building	3,000 00
Loss on building	36 11
Insurance on contents	1,000 00
Value of contents	1,000 00
Loss on contents	91 00

Cause, unknown.

October 29—Box 27, 6.10 P. M. 32 Jefferson street, occupied by Emile Ray. Fire in gasoline launch.

October 30—Box 25, 8.53 P. M. House occupied by Louis Tondreau. Kerosene lamp exploded.

October 30—Dwelling owned by Mary I. Lancaster.

Value of building	\$4,500 00
Insurance on building	4,300 00
Damage	10 00
Cause, fireplace.	

October 31—Telephone, 6.50 A. M. House, 40 State street, occupied by Mrs. Georgia Getchell. No damage.

October 31—Telephone. Phosporus burning at a Halloween party, Green Street Methodist Vestry.

November 1—Telephone, 12.06 P. M. House, 21 School street, occupied by Miss Ardella Fisher.

November 3—Telephone, 12.20 P. M. House, 9 York street, occupied by Joseph Laveller and owned by N. Dostie.

Value of building	\$2,200 00
Insurance	1,800 00
Damage	21 40
Cause, wood work ignited around chimney.	

November 3—House owned by Louis Tondio, Mt. Vernon ave.

Value of buildings	\$1,200 00
Insurance	1,000 00
Loss	14 25
Value of contents	300 00
Insurance	200 00
Loss	11 50
Cause, overturned lamp.	

November 8—Telephone, 11.30 A. M. House, 117 Cony street, occupied by Fred Pierce. No damage.

November 25—Telephone, 8.15 A. M. House, 37 East Chestnut street, occupied by Bert Brann. No damage.

November 26—Telephone, 5.05 P. M. Royal Park Dump.

November 26—11.26 P. M. Augusta House. No damage.

November 27—Telephone, 9.10 A. M. House, 25 Gannett street, occupied by Mrs. A. L. Folsom. No damage.

November 28—Telephone, 5.55 A. M. West. Union Tel. & Tel. Co., 186 Water street. No damage. Switch board.

December 2—Telephone, 1.20 A. M., for help at Manchester. Not wanted.

December 17—Telephone, 9 P. M. Riverside House, Cony street. Bed caught fire.

Value of contents	\$2,500 00
Insurance	2,000 00
Damage	14 00

December 22—Telephone, 11 A. M. Augusta House. No Damage.

December 25—Telephone, 3.15 P. M. House, 25 Gage street, occupied by Geo. F. Giddings. No damage.

December 29—Telephone, 9 P. M. House, 15 Morton Place, owned and occupied by Philabert Poulin.

Value of building	\$1,500 00
Insurance	1,000 00
Loss	8 00

1914

January 2—House owned by B. F. Parrott, 99 Winthrop street.

Value of building	\$5,000 00
Insurance	4,500 00
Damage	189 00
Value of contents	1,500 00
Insurance	1,500 00
Loss	7 50

Cause, pan of fat caught fire.

January 3—Telephone, 7.05 P. M. House, 68 Northern ave., occupied by Paul Dautill. No damage.

January 3—Fire at 1.30 A. M. Chas. Sylvester's wood yard. Out of district. Cause unknown.

January 4—Telephone, 8.40 P. M. House, 9 Gannett street, occupied by Levi Poor. No damage.

January 5—Telephone, 10.20 A. M. Junk shop, 18 Cony street, occupied by Chas. O'Connor. No damage.

January 5—5 P. M. House, 73 Bridge street, occupied by Peter Bush. No damage.

January 6—Telephone, 6.45 P. M. House owned and occupied by B. F. Maher, 81 Green street. No damage.

January 8—Dwelling occupied by A. A. Wood.

Value of contents	\$700 00
Insurance	500 00
Damage	16 50

Cause, lamp exploded.

January 9—Telephone, 7.10 P. M. House, 15 Jefferson street, owned by B. F. Maher and occupied by Napoleon Jolicoeur.

Value of building	\$1,800 00
Insurance on building	1,300 00
Damage	25 00
Value of contents	500 00
Insurance on contents	500 00
Damage	500 00

Cause, ignited from a spark dropped from a pipe into a barrel of excelsior.

January 13—Telephone, 4.55 P. M. House owned by Geo. E. Macomber and occupied by several families. No damage.

January 13—Stable, Water street, occupied by S. T. Stilkey.

Value of contents	\$18,000 00
Insurance	15,000 00
Loss	12 00

Cause, overcoat hung too near stove.

January 14—Dwelling owned by Joseph A. Homan estate, State street.

Value of buildings	\$7,000 00
Insurance	6,000 00
Damage	15 00

Cause, unknown.

January 18—Telephone, 2.30 P. M. House, 52 Howard street, occupied by Arthur Anderson. No damage.

January 19—Telephone, 6.40 P. M. House occupied by Miss Susie Stinson. No damage.

January 23—Box 32, 8.21 P. M. House, 16 Bond street, occupied by Mrs. Colombe. No damage.

January 24—Telephone, 6.20 P. M. House, 22 Amherst street, occupied by Fred B. Hill. No damage.

February 8—Box 43, 11.30 A. M. House, 11 Howard street, occupied by Mrs. Rosie Sturgis.

February 8—House, corner State and Winthrop streets, occupied by Ada M. Allen.

Value of contents	\$800 00
Insurance	600 00
Loss	15 00
Cause, sparks from stove.	

February 8—House occupied by Winnie Hamilton.

Value of contents	\$300 00
Insurance on contents	200 00
Damage	5 00
Cause, overheated chimney.	

February 8—Telephone, 6 P. M. House, 11 Howard street, occupied by Mrs. Rose Sturgis and owned by Titcomb Real Estate Association.

Value of building	\$2,000 00
Insurance	2,000 00
Damage	15 00

February 9—Telephone, 11.30 A. M. House, 15 Willow street, occupied by Geo. Bryant. No damage.

February 9—Telephone, 6.40 P. M. House, 61 Grove street, occupied by Dr. W. H. Harris. No damage.

February 11, Box 36, 8.44 P. M. Store in Journal building occupied by Samuel Cohen. (Upper story of building occupied by State Book Bindery.

Value of building	\$40,000 00
Insurance on building	36,000 00
Loss on building	300 00
Value of contents	65,000 00
Insurance on contents	55,000 00
Damage to contents	1,893 09
Cause unknown.	

Samuel Cohen :

Value of stock	\$3,000 00
Insurance	3,000 00
Damage	573 68

State Book Bindery :

Value of contents	\$4,000 00
Insurance	3,750 00
Damage	112 50

February 12—Telephone, 6.30 P. M. House, 10 Sewall street, owned by E. E. Davis estate, occupied by J. H. Clough. Cause, thawing out pipes with torch.

Value of building	\$2,700 00
Insurance on building	1,500 00
Loss on building	53 68
Value of contents	700 00
Insurance	500 00
Damage	15 00

February 12—Telephone, 8.15 P. M. House, 115 Cony street, owned by Mrs. Elsie Churchill, occupied by Louis Paquin, No damage.

February 14—Telephone, 2.35 P. M. House occupied by Bert Leighton, 29 Jackson street. No damage.

February 16—Rector, Warden and Vestrymen of St. Mark's Church.

Value of building	\$6,500 00
Insurance	6,000 00
Damage	30 00
Cause, kerosene oil lamp.	

February 22—Telephone, 11 P. M. House, 116 State street, occupied by L. V. Clark. No damage.

February 26—Box 54, 3.37 P. M. House, 12 Melville street, owned by Mrs. Hiram Rockwood, occupied by Walter Batchelder.

Value of building	\$2,200 00
Insurance on building	1,500 00
Loss on building	1,005 00
Value of contents	600 00
Insurance on contents	500 00
Loss on contents	175 00
Fire caught around chimney in ell.	

February 27—Box 29, 5.55 P. M. Block 51, tenement No. 1, owned by Edwards M'f'g Co., occupied by John Violette. Loss small. Amount not known. Cause, rats and matches.

CONDITION OF HOSE HOUSES

The several hose houses are well located according to the reports of the National and New England Board of Underwriters, in their latest reports. The houses are not in good serviceable condition, as I have reported before.

Hose No. 1 and Hook and Ladder No. 1, located on Bridge street, has been pronounced unsafe and not fit for a fire station by the National Board of Underwriters, by a former Mayor of this city, by a former Building Inspector and several well known building contractors. The matter of a new station to

take its place has been talked over but not much has been done towards its erection. On July 1, 1912, at a citizen's meeting, at City Hall, a vote of 117 to 74 in favor of a new station was taken. The shed which adjoins the station, and which fell down in 1912, has been replaced with a new one.

Hose house No. 2, Cony St., an old wooden building, has been repaired during the year, new sills and general repairs.

Hose house No. 3, Sand Hill, has received some needed repairs and is now in good condition.

Hose house No. 4, Bangor street, had a small amount of repairs, paint and paper inside.

Hose house No. 5, Grove street, small repairs.

Each of the five hose houses are wooden buildings, built many years ago, not one of them fit to be called a fire station, and not one of them standing on land owned entirely by the city. The city pays land rent on four and one we have land rent free. No lease of land with any of these houses as far as I am able to ascertain.

HORSES

The city owns at the present time but two pair of horses and are hiring one pair. Two new pair of horses were purchased this year, but one pair did not prove satisfactory and was sent back, a new pair being ordered. As soon as we receive a satisfactory pair, the city will be better equipped for horses than ever before in the history of the department. Two pair of old horses were turned over to the poor department during the past year.

HOSE

The city should have at least 10,000 feet of serviceable hose on hand at all times. We have on hand today 7,000 feet

of hose, a part of which is poor. I would recommend that the city purchase 1,000 feet of extra good hose every year. This hose would have to last ten years in order to keep us with a supply of 10,000 feet on hand at all times. Occasionally the city does not purchase hose during the year, or purchases a poor quality, so that we do not have as large a supply of hose on hand as we ought to have.

INVENTORY—HOUSES

Cushnoc hose house, Bridge street, which contains combination chemical and hose wagon No. 1, with hub runners for same; hook and ladder No. 1, with hub runners for same; steam fire engine City of Augusta, No. 1; old hose wagon used for supply wagon and turret pipe mounted on same; one jigger wagon for exercise and general purposes; one sled for winter use; two pair horses and harnesses and such stable utensils as are generally required.

Atlantic Hose No. 2, Cony street, one hose wagon with hub runners; one horse sled; one jigger wagon, one pair horses with harnesses and ordinary stable tools for same.

Hose No. 3, Sand Hill, one two wheel hose reel, hand drawn.

Hose No. 4, Bangor road, one two wheel hose reel, hand drawn.

Hose No. 5, Grove street, one four wheel hose wagon hand drawn.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Our fire alarm system, which was installed in the vicinity of twenty year ago, was as good then as the system in most of

the cities, as little has been done to it since its installation it is not up to date. Provision should be made for a battery room, new switch board, new repeater and numerous other things to make our system up-to-date and more reliable if the city is ever in a position where it feels able to build a new fire station.

INVENTORY—MISCELLANEOUS

Ten chemicals, 3 gallon size; 14 play pipes; 12 axes; 8 shovels; 5 wrenches; 1 tool chest—containing a few odd tools; 12 lanterns; 2 cellar pipes; 6 crow bars; 2 picks; 1 door opener; 4 hooks; 150 feet garden hose (good and bad); 50 spanners; 18 ladder straps; 4 gates; 1 hose clamp. Each house contains stoves, chairs, tables and many minor articles. One 65 foot extension truss ladder, stored under Opera House.

IMPROVEMENTS

The shed adjoining the Bridge street station has been rebuilt at a cost of \$500.00.

Hose No. 2, Cony street, new sills, floor timbers, floors, etc., at cost of \$500.00.

Hose No. 3, Sand Hill, small amount of repairs.

Hose No. 4, Bangor street, some repairs.

Hose No. 5, Grove street, few repairs.

Hose wagon No. 2, thoroughly overhauled, repaired and painted.

Hook and ladder, repaired and painted.

One thousand feet new hose purchased.

Two pair of horses purchased, one pair returned, unsatisfactory, and another pair ordered.

One mile new wire for fire alarm to replace old wire which was worn out.

One dozen new key boxes for fire alarm.

FIREMAN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION

January, 1912, several members of the Augusta Fire Department met and organized the Firemen's Relief Association. Each member of the Fire Department is eligible to membership upon the payment of a small entrance fee and small monthly dues. The object of the association is to raise a fund to be used in assisting any member of the association who might be injured or contract sickness while in attendance upon a fire, i. e., answering an alarm, working at a fire or returning from a fire. No fund raised by this association, or any donation received by the association from any corporations, or individuals, can be used for any other purpose. This association should be worthy of the commendation of any citizen who would give the matter a little consideration, and in behalf of the association I would appeal to the city through its citizens for assistance in furthering the work of the association. A few donations from business concerns and citizens have been received during the past two years, which we have acknowledged through the medium of the papers. We have paid one accident claim and one death benefit since our organization.

RECOMMENDATIONS

A new fire station is a necessity in this city and should be given first consideration. It would be time wasted just now to talk motor propelled apparatus as we have no place to house it even if we had it.

We should improve and expand on our fire alarm system but it should be installed in a new fire station instead of City Hall where it is at present. Our present system is liable to destruction at any time as it is not housed in a fire-proof structure, and it is liable at any time to destroy City Hall. This statement I give you from the Board of Underwriters.

The people of this city are today paying a good rate for insurance and if I am informed correctly from the Underwriters who make the rate of insurance, that the rates in Augusta are to be raised at once on account of the fire station and fire alarm system. I would ask the city government and the citizens to give the matter careful consideration and see if it would not be good economy to erect a suitable fire station and own it rather than to pay double the amount to the insurance companies each year and have nothing to show for it except a higher insurance rate.

I would recommend—

That the city purchase 2,000 ft. good hose at once.

That Hose House No. 2, Cony St., and House House No. 5, Grove St., be painted this spring.

That the salaries of the three drivers be raised.

That at least two permanent men be appointed.

That the three drivers have two days each month off duty and one evening each week off duty.

FIRE PREVENTION AND CLEAN-UP DAY

I believe that this day is destined to become one of the best of our Holidays and as a factor in the saving of life and property throughout our country, it will surely be of the greatest value. While every day should be a clean-up day with everybody, it is well to have at least one day on the calendar when the Nation as a unit has general cleaning-up that eliminates unsightly streets, littered up yards, basements heaped with rubbish and disease breeding dumps. The movement has already assumed immense proportions and is being pushed with all possible vigor by the press and thinking people generally. The results of our last Clean-Up-Day are apparent today in this

city. Augusta has never maintained a cleaner appearance than during the past year. Unsightly dumps were cleaned up at that time and have been kept clean !

The land at the back of the stores was kept cleaner than ever before. Basements of stores have improved. I find them generally in a fair condition. Ashes are kept in galvanized iron cans instead of wooden boxes. Our public halls and amusement places are kept free from any litter or combustible material, and the management comply with every request. If the last day could produce such results it is impossible to estimate just what the results might be if all the people entered into the spirit of the next clean-up day. The position we *should* hold in this respect is easily seen. At the conclusion of our next day the officials of the city with the citizens united on this matter should be able to announce to the country at large that Augusta, Maine, was a 100% city on fire prevention and cleanliness.

CONCLUSION

The Department thanks are due to His Honor, the Mayor, the Committee on Fire Department of the City Government, and the City Government for the kindly interest taken in all matters pertaining to the Department, to the Police Department for prompt and valuable aid rendered at fires or wherever needed and to the Judge of the Municipal Court who has always been glad to render any assistance possible. The work done by the press and our reporters is not always appreciated as it should be but the Department is in a position to see the immense amount of good done by the articles on fire prevention, the working of the Department, etc., and they have been much appreciated by us. The services of the telephone company have been prompt and efficient during the past year.

I desire to thank the officers and members of the Department for the zealousness and hearty co-operation displayed on all matters connected with the Augusta Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BUCKLEY,

Chief Engineer.

— —

CITY OF AUGUSTA.

In Board of Aldermen,

May 18, 1914.

Read and approved. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest :

DOMINIQUE MATHIEU, City Clerk.

In Common Council,

May 18, 1914.

Read and approved, in concurrence.

Attest :

J. E. P. DUNN, Clerk.